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S P E C T A C L E S **Orange Crush**

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Physical Plant employees begin the arduous task of clearing oranges from Sage Rink after Hamilton's first goal of the 1997-98 season. Sean Smith '01 netted the score for the Continentals in their 5-0 win over Colby. For more on both men's and women's hockey, see page 22.

Equity report reveals progress, doubts remain

By Tom Ayres '98
NEWS EDITOR

The College officially released its gender equity report on November 7, and while the study clearly demonstrates the recent progress made towards providing equal opportunity for female student-athletes, women still doubt the department's dedication to their sports program.

"We are close to reaching the proportionality level and have narrowed the gaps considerably," said Athletic Director Tom Murphy. "I think we're close enough now where we can reasonably meet that ultimate goal, but we still have a few percentage points to go."

But a handful of female coaches point out the disparities in the resources allotted to women's sports which, as a result, create an unpleasant working environment.

"Unfortunately, the quantitative inequities that exist have created an atmosphere in the department which is not always supportive or friendly, which in turn, makes it difficult for people to want to go to work each day," said Melissa Hart, the former full-time women's soccer and softball coach.

The annual report is an internal self-study put out by the 8-person Committee on Gender Equality. Chaired by Philosophy Professor Robert Simon and composed of professors, coaches, and former students, the committee's goal is not to impose plans on the athletic department, but to develop proposals to insure Hamilton's compliance with Title IX — preferably without reducing any men's sports opportunities.

The study — which covered the the 1996-97 academic year — identified the narrowing of the gender gap in a wide range of areas, including participation rates, operating expenses, and per capita spending.

Continuing the expansion of academic opportunities for women, the addition of women's hockey as a varsity sport brings the number of varsity sports offered to women to 13 — which is equal to the number provided for men.

"This addition, when combined with recent additions to the coaching

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College joins world in day of AIDS education

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the help of the Peer Advisors, the campus recognized World AIDS Day on Monday, December 1. World AIDS Day is observed internationally every December 1st to raise awareness of issues surrounding the disease, educate people, and encourage public support for prevention programs. The first observation of World AIDS Day was in 1988 due to the efforts of health ministers around the world to share information about HIV and AIDS.

The Peer Advisors distributed ribbons and condoms in Beinecke on Monday in hopes of promoting safe sex as a way of preventing the spread of HIV. By the end of the day, many students could be seen displaying a red ribbon as a sign of support for those affected by HIV/AIDS and to show their support in prevention. The role of Peer Advisors at Hamilton is to help raise awareness of various issues facing college students today and educate students through programs and workshops.

In addition to the distribution of red ribbons and condoms, the Peer Advisors sponsored a discussion entitled "A Young Woman With HIV" held in the Events Barn Monday night at 7:30 p.m. The discussion featured Amy, who was willing to share her story, in hopes of making a difference. Amy, who lives in the nearby area, wished to be known only by her first name. She is a trained public speaker and this was her first time presenting her story to a group. According to Emily Norton, one of the Peer Advisor coordinators, Amy was engaged as a speaker through a member of the Health Center staff

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Vaid discusses GLBT political progress

Speaker highlights key issues for local campus

By Scott Von Duhn '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUSS '00

Urvashi Vaid spoke on the political progress of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.

Urvashi Vaid, a recent guest speaker on the Hill, gave a speech Wednesday about gay, lesbian, and trans-gendered people in the United States and the world. She discussed many points from her book, *Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation*, and addressed specific questions raised by the audience as to what issues the Hamilton campus needs to confront. Her visit was sponsored by many campus groups and departments.

Vaid began by giving the audience a sense of what her life was like, as a lesbian and a feminist, and also as a progressive and leftist in her policies and politics. She has been involved over the past 15 years in many coalitions and political interest groups that fight for gay rights, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Creating Change conference.

Vaid's main point was to show how gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people have made political progress.

"The gay rights movement has made three major cultural victories," said Vaid. "The first has been achieving a shift away from the view that gays are mentally ill to a non-mental codification of being gay. The second is wide-spread visibility. Simply being out in the open does not denote equality; education and communication is needed if we are to become

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who worked with Amy at another facility in the area.

"For her first time speaking to a large group, or to any group for that matter, I thought her speech was very moving," commented Yve Padilla '00

Amy who is thirty years old spoke informally and simply shared her story. When she was 27 years old, Amy discovered she had the HIV virus after receiving a test when she was two months pregnant. She grappled with the decision of whether or not to have her baby. With the help of a supportive fiancee who is the father of her daughter, she decided to have her baby. Both the baby and her fiancee are HIV negative.

Because she is currently on medication that she takes three times a day, Amy suffers from side effects. "Some days, I can't even get out of bed," she said, "Some days, I can't even put a sentence together." Amy receives help maintaining her home and caring for her daughter from a friend who lives nearby. For personal reasons, Amy has not yet told her daughter or family about her condition.

Amy transmitted the disease through a past heterosexual relationship. When she was diagnosed as having the virus, she only had three sexual partners in her life. Later, she found out she was infected by a man she had dated who knew he positive at the time of their relationship. He never told her, and also infected three other women. Although she was furious at first, Amy has moved beyond and focuses her energy on living in the present.

On the subject of safe sex, "I can't stress it enough," she said, "It only takes one time." She encouraged students to make intelligent decisions about their sexual relations. "Anyone can get HIV regardless of their background."

After she told her story, the audience was encouraged to ask questions. People asked her about coping day to day with her condition and what she fears the most. Amy expressed her fears about dying and not seeing her daughter grow up.

Many members of the Hamilton felt the recognition of World AIDS Day and Amy's visit benefited the Hamilton community. "I think that her visit and recognition of World AIDS Day benefited Hamilton by making the community more aware of this world wide epidemic and also by bringing it to home because Amy is a local woman, with real issues," said Padilla.

PHOTO COURTESY AP

Children of AIDS-infected prostitutes in Bombay participate in a World Aids Day awareness event. The event took place in one of the city's "red light" areas.

Vaid chronicles political presence of gays, lesbians

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accepted. The third is access to the political process. Gay issues have moved into the centers of public policy issues. But as much has changed, much more has stayed the same."

Vaid talked about personal experiences where her rights, or lack thereof, have made her feel like a second-class citizen.

"Homosexuality is not legally or literally recognized as equal to heterosexuality," said Vaid with dismay.

Even today, gay, lesbian, and trans-gendered people can be denied employment or fired without reason, they are denied the right to marry, to serve in the military, and minister positions in churches. Even tax dollars, which gay people must pay, are going towards programs which support anti-gay sentiments, such as the military, and there is no exemption for them, or access to that money, she said.

"Even on a personal level, it is the stories that you hear about," said Vaid. "When my lover and I went into a motel in North Carolina, the owner refused to rent to us. This was not an isolated incident, but occurred at two more motels," she added, recounting her own experiences of hatred and bigotry.

Vaid ended by discussing the changes she thinks must take place in gay, lesbian, and bisexual political groups, particularly the progressive voices.

"The gay and lesbian movement requires an economical analysis in its policies," Vaid stressed to her audience, advising on how to fight back for gay rights. "The conservative right has a specific economical analysis, but the gay political groups can't seem to see it as an issue that affects them. We must augment local and state alliances; state and local legislations move more quickly and are weaker and easier to control than Washington. We must ask ourselves, should gay, lesbian, and trans-gender identity be the basis for all movements? Issues like money do affect gay people, just as they affect everyone else. In a time when the government is struggling and being reinvented, it is a perfect time for people to speak up for gay issues."

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> **-Urvashi Vaid**

She wants to see an effort by non-gay people who are sympathetic to gays to support gay issues in their voting as well.

She ended by proposing her unifying theory on how gay and lesbian politics should be working, and possibly could be in the future: "I would like to see gay, lesbian, transgendered, and straight gay sympathizers practicing intersectional politics. To be an intersectional person is to stand for more than one issue, to be multi-dimensional.

"We want the right to differ and also to be understood, to be accepted, and to be a part of the whole society, living together."

RESEARCH AT HAMILTON

IN THE SCIENCES AND IN MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCE

SUMMER 1998

Stipends for summer research in science, mathematics and computer science are available with the goal of promoting research participation under the guidance of Hamilton faculty. Stipends from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Ralph E. Hansmann Science Students Support Fund and the Sergei Zlinkoff Foundation are available on a competitive basis to Hamilton students. Competition is open to all students, and students without previous research experience are encouraged to apply. In general, these stipends are $3,000 for 10 weeks.

Students interested in applying should discuss research opportunities with potential faculty sponsors and decide upon a single project and advisor. Additional information and application forms may be obtained from the Biology Department homepage:

http://www.hamilton.edu/academic/bio/download.html.

The completed proposal will be due in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty **by 2 March 1998.**

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Report recommends steps for Title IX compliance

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staff and a sustained period of increases in operating budgets for women's sports, shows a sustained growth in the women's athletic program," the committee wrote.

But critics point out that while gender equity is certainly an issue, the problem might be looked at more as sport inequity. They argue that it just so happens that all of the women's sports and some of the men's sports are treated as inferior.

"Much of the success of some of the men's programs comes from tradition. Coaches who have been with the programs for a long time bring consistency — which means better winning percentages, greater alumni support, etc.," said one former coach who requested anonymity. "No fault lies with these coaches for having built what they have; the major problem is that other programs have not been given the same opportunities for growth."

The committee recommended an increase in the availability of coaching for teams, particularly to the women's program in which there are still fewer coaches than men's sports. This disparity exists in part because of the size of the football coaching staff (3 full-time coaches and 5 part-time in total), which served 87 athletes in the fall of 1996.

"We believe the reducing and eventually eliminating the disparity in the numbers of coaching positions available to each gender not only would show further continuing progress towards Title IX compliance, but is important in promoting the more general goal of equity in the athletic program," the committee wrote.

PART-TIME VS. FULL-TIME

Although a strong case exists for the addition of another full-time varsity coach in the women's program, the committee opted for what it considered the more feasible alternative and recommended immediately adding 2 part-time coaches, citing the fierce competition for full-time positions among academic departments as its reason.

This year, Betsy Bruce — who has been at the College for over a decade — is the only full-time coach that heads 2 women's teams (field hockey and lacrosse). In addition to her administrative responsibilities, Sue Viscomi, the new Senior Women's Administrator who replaced Geri Knortz, coaches the women's soccer team. Julie Diehl, the third full-time woman in the department, is the head coach of the volleyball team, assistant coach of women's basketball team, and oversees the intramural program.

In contrast, all of the full-time coaches of men's teams are head coaches of only one team — except Brett Hull who coaches men's cross-country and track and field. Dave Thompson coaches both men's and women's swimming and diving. While performing his duties as director, Murphy is also the head coach of men's basketball team.

"It is obvious that the women's programs are challenged because their coaches are divided and shouldering more major duties," said Hart. "Coaching 2 sports is double the job if the programs are both getting equal credit, thus all of the dual-sport head coaches are stretched to divide their time and energies to at least 2 programs."

The women's sports have had full-timers who head coach at least 2 sports for quite some time — as well as having a large administrative role. When Hart was hired in 1995, she says there were only 4 full-time coaches (including Thompson) for women's teams and 8 full-time coaches (7 head coaches with one assistant football coach) for men's sports.

"The picture continues to show inequities on down through the size of administrative duties. A number of assistant coaches, many of whom are part-time, but are, in essence, full-time and are given some sort of financial benefits so they can make ends meet on a limited salary," said Hart, who now coaches at MIT.

According to Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong, part-time hires originate within the department and are handled within the athletic budget. Full-timers — which are monitored by the Office of the Dean of Faculty — are a net addition to the faculty and therefore require the approval of the position by the Administration and the Committee for Academic Policy, as well as the allocation of new monies for salaries and benefits.

"The problem is that there is a total number of faculty positions which are all filled right now," explained Murphy. "Recent external review studies, gender equity reports, and comparisons with other NESCAC schools have justified the need for two more full-time positions, but it's hard for the President and the Dean of Faculty to add positions to our department because then other academic departments might feel cheated and complain that all Hamilton cares about is athletics.

In fact, a 1996-97 NESCAC survey supported Murphy's claim that other comparable schools have on average more full-time coaches and administrators. Hamilton had 12 last year while the average was 15.6. The conference's average number of full-time women was 4.7.

FEMALE COACHES LEAVING HAMILTON

The practice of doubling-up to save money and stretching human resources greatly impacts the responsibilities of the head coaches of women's teams and their ability to effectively do their job. Given the tremendous need to recruit in order to be successful, having the responsibility for 2 programs can be overwhelming. In the span of a year, all four of the full-time women in the department will have left the College. Although they have left for various personal and professional reasons, the exodus has raised questions as to the quality of the working environment and staff management.

Murphy downplayed the departure of the women coaches and explained that it was a combination of individuals making professional moves upward and one coach relocating for family reasons. Knortz left to become the Athletic Director for St. Michael's College in Vermont and Kelley McElroy relocated to Australia to join her husband and family who were transferred by his employer. Fong expressed pride that Hamilton coaches are considered attractive by other programs, but stressed the importance of retention.

"We are anxious to maintain continuity in its coaching ranks, however, and that means offering salaries, working conditions, and opportunities that will in turn draw the most qualified applicants," said Fong.

But definition of qualified applicants and the extent to which the College will recruit coaches for women's sports are questionable based on recent appointments. For example, last year two head coaches — McElroy and Diehl — were assigned to coach hockey (its first year) and volleyball, respectively, without previous coaching experience in the sports.

"McElroy was the women's tennis coach and began her hockey career in 1995 with no prior experience in hockey and oftentimes referred to the hockey stick as a tennis racket," said one member of the squad who requested anonymity. "She had two student assistant coaches, and they usually explained and ran all the drills."

Murphy explained that when a position becomes open, the department places an advertisement in the

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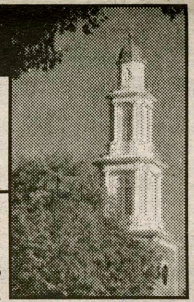
IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Cornell sips sketchy water

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Cornellians thirsty for a glass of tap water have no choice but to wait for notification that it is safe to drink. A fuel-oil spill from an industrial plant into Fall Creek early yesterday morning contaminated Cornell's water distribution system, according to University health and safety officials. The University has warned campus residents not to use water for drinking or cooking until further notice.

The affected areas include the campus region lying between Cascadilla and Fall Creek gorges. The alert is also in effect for all of North Campus, Cascadilla Hall and Sheldon Court in Collegetown, as well as the Forest Home and Cornell Heights neighborhoods.

"We are working as rapidly as we can to restore normal water service," said Harold D. Craft, vice president for facilities and campus services.

SU tennis battles controversy

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership. Few words define the goals of college athletics better than these, and when evidence of these three precepts vanish or become clouded, students involved do not receive the full benefit of their participation in athletics.

Such is the case for the Syracuse University 1996-97 women's tennis team, according to sources familiar with the situation. Off-the-court problems, mainly sexual harassment charges brought against head coach Jesse Dwire in January by two of his players, set the wheels in motion for the deterioration of the team's unity and morale.

Assistant Coach Robert "Mac" Gifford assumed the head coaching duties during the university's investigation of the charges.

Almost instantly, says a former SU tennis player, the team developed two factions, including those who backed Dwire and those who stood behind his accusers, former players Dacia Kornechuk and Kirsten Ericson.

WORLD NEWS

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Colombian warfare causes evacuations

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — More than 41,000 people have fled their homes this year to escape massacres and other violence from the clash between leftist guerrillas and land-owner-backed paramilitary death squads, the government said Thursday.

The internal refugees are mostly poor farmers who have been caught in the battle. Each party to the conflict commonly targets civilians suspected of supporting the other side.

A half-dozen massacres, most attributed to the paramilitary forces, have left at least 57 people dead in the last two weeks. Many of the victims were dragged from their homes, then shot at close range while horrified relatives looked on.

"These violent acts have forced massive displacement of peasants," said Cesar Manuel Garcia, the presidential adviser for internal refugees.

Peasants still are streaming out of hamlets in northern Colombia, where deaths squads last week killed at least nine people and burned 20 homes. They have sought refuge in Dabeiba, 190 miles northwest of Bogota, according to the town's mayor, Gabriel Eduardo Gonzalez.

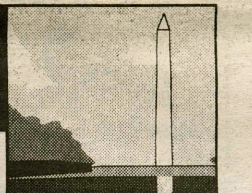
U.N. extends oil-for-food program

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council agreed unanimously Thursday to a six-month extension of Iraq's oil-for-food program after the United States and Britain delayed efforts to expand the humanitarian effort.

The council also expressed its intention to "consider favorably" any recommendation by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to increase the amount of oil Iraq can sell and make other changes in the program. The current agreement allows Iraq to sell $2.14 billion worth of oil to raise money for food and medicine.

Annan said he would recommend such an increase next month in an effort to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people after more than seven years of crippling sanctions.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Film guides boy to murder

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) – The 14-year-old boy charged with killing three classmates after a prayer meeting told investigators he had seen it done before in a movie that features a teen-ager dreaming about gunning down students in a Catholic high school, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Michael Carneal told investigators he had seen *The Basketball Diaries*, a 1995 movie in which the main character dreams about breaking down a classroom door and methodically shooting five classmates while other students cheer.

Then he corners his teacher behind a desk and aims the gun. The dream ends when he pulls the trigger.

After Monday's shooting, Principal Bill Bond said Carneal told a teacher who watched him until police arrived: "It was like I was in a dream, and I woke up."

Carneal then made a passing reference to the movie under questioning by investigators.

"They asked him had he ever seen this before, ever seen anything done like this, and he said, 'Yes, I have seen this done in *Basketball Diaries*,' Commonwealth's Attorney Timothy Kaltenbach said.

Inmates convicted in prison beating

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Two inmates were convicted Thursday of beating Pamela Smart, the New Hampshire woman jailed for seducing a teen-ager so he would kill her husband.

Ms. Smart, who told prison officials about the inmates' lesbian affair, suffered a fractured nose, a broken eye socket and minor hand and knee injuries in the October 1996 attack at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

The jury took less than 90 minutes to convict Mona Graves, 32, and Ghania Miller, 28, of second-degree assault.

When the women are sentenced Jan. 8, up to seven years could be added to each of their sentences. Ms. Graves is currently serving 20 years to life for murder, Ms. Miller seven to life on drug charges.

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY TOM AYRES '98

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
3:05 p.m. Grand larceny (stolen computer) in Anderson-Connell Alumni Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
2:10 a.m. Medical emergency in Minor
5:36 a.m. Electrical fire in basement of Kirkland (students evacuated for two hours)
6:55 a.m. Medical emergency in Babbitt
8:30 a.m. Vandalism in Beinecke Village (damaged window screens)
4:20 p.m. Medical emergency in Burke Library
7:30 p.m. Disorderly conduct at Sage Rink
11:35 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on College Hill Road

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:00 a.m. Vandalism in 3950 (french doors broken)
8:00 a.m. Vandalism in Cooper (shattered window)
2:47 p.m. Cooking smoke sets of fire alarm in 3940
9:45 p.m. System trouble triggers fire alarm in Dunham
10:27 p.m. Report of criminal mischief in Bundy Fish Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
12:29 a.m. Medical emergency in North
3:45 a.m. Disorderly conduct/assault in Carnegie
9:00 a.m. Criminal mischief on lawn adjacent to Root parking lot
10:30 a.m. Criminal mischief on golf course
2:00 p.m. Larceny in Dunham parking lot (items stolen from vehicle)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:12 p.m. Alcohol violation Bundy West (illegal beer ball)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
5:45 a.m. Attempted burglary in Schambach Center
11:00 p.m. Motor vehicle accident involving three students on Campus Road (no personal injuries)
3:58 p.m. Cooking smoke sets of fire alarm in Carnegie
11:45 p.m. Disorderly conduct in Bundy Dining Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7:55 p.m. Medical emergency in Sage Rink

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
12:00 p.m. Cooking smoke sets of fire alarm in Babbitt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
1:00 a.m. Larceny in computer center in Burke Library

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
12:40 a.m. Aggravated harassment in Bundy East

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
12:00 a.m. Malfunction triggers fire alarm in North
12:02 a.m. Medical emergency Sage Rink
11:00 a.m. Two vehicle property damage in the visitor parking lot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
2:16 a.m. Discharged fire extinguisher sets of fire alarm in Carnegie
2:17 a.m. Vandalism to smoke detector triggers fire alarm in Carnegie

HONOR COURT/JUDICIAL BOARD RULINGS

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HONOR COURT
KEVIN RUSSELL, CHAIR

As you all know, the academics at Hamilton College are governed by the Honor Code. The following is a list of Honor Code violations which have been dealt with through Honor Court hearings and administrative dispositions. In the future, these violations will be posted on a case by case basis.

A male student in the class of '97 was found guilty of violating section II.6 of the Honor Code. He handed in two research papers written by other people. He was sanctioned with a one semester suspension; XF in both classes; and an academic integrity tutorial.

A male student in the class of '97 was found guilty of violating section II.5 of the Honor Code. He cheated on a take home examination. He was sanctioned with a five semester suspension; XF; and an academic integrity tutorial.

A male student in the class of '00 was found guilty of violating section II.5 of the Honor Code. He admitted to giving assistance to another student on a take home exam. He was sanctioned with an XF; and an academic integrity tutorial.

A male student in the class of '00 was found guilty of violating section II.5 of the Honor Code. He cheated on a take home exam. He was sanctioned with a two semester suspension; XF; and an academic integrity tutorial.

Administrative Disposition:

A male student in the class of '98 admitted to violating section II.1 of the Honor Code. He handed in another student's work without acknowledging their assistance. He was given a letter of warning.

A male student in the class of '00 was found guilty of violating section 11.5 of the Honor Code. He cheated on a take home exam. He was sanctioned with an XF; and an academic integrity tutorial.

A female student in the class of '98 admitted to violating section II.1 of the Honor Code. She failed to acknowledge outside sources. She was given a letter of warning.

A female student in the class of '01 was found guilty of violating section II.2 of the Honor Code. She misrepresented work in a lab. She was given a letter of warning.

JUDICIAL BOARD
NIISHA BUTLER, CHAIR

The following actions have been taken this fall by the Judicial Board, or through administrative hearings, in response to violations of College policy by students.

A student who initiated two separate physical altercations was found responsible for the charges of participating in and encouraging physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation or assault and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person; and use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policies. The student was expelled from Hamilton College.

A student who was involved in two separate physical altercations was found responsible for the charges of participating in and encouraging physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation or assault and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person; and use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policies. The student was suspended from the College for the remainder of the 1997-98 academic year.

A student who was driving on Minor Field in an intoxicated state and who behaved in a belligerent manner toward a Campus Safety officer was found responsible for the following charges: conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person; vandalism of college property; use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policies; and failure to comply with the request of a College official. The student was suspended for the duration of the fall 1997 semester, assigned 250 hours of community service to be completed upon returning to Hamilton, lost the privilege to have a car on campus, is required to participate in the TRAC program and write a letter of apology to Campus Safety, and will be on a status of probation until graduation from Hamilton.

A minor student who was drinking alcohol in a residence hall lounge while on a status of probation for a prior incident was found responsible for the charge of use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by law and College policies. The student was suspended for the spring 1998 semester, required to move to a different residence hall for the duration of the fall semester, and required to perform 25 hours of community service with the Physical Plant prior to the end of the fall semester.

Two students who participated in a physical altercation were found responsible for the charge of participating in and encouraging physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation or assault and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person. They were placed on a status of probation through the end of the 1998-99 academic year and required to perform 30 hours of community service with the Physical Plant before the end of the fall 1997 semester.

Students who accepted responsibility for violating the College's policy which prohibits bulk alcohol in residence halls were placed on a status of probation for the duration of the fall 1997 semester and required to assist with developing educational initiatives for the campus designed to prevent students from driving while intoxicated.

A student who urinated in a trash barrel while intoxicated accepted responsibility for the charges of engaging in conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent; and use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policy. The student was placed on a status of probation through the fall semester, required to participate in the TRAC program, and assigned five hours of community service with the Physical Plant.

A student who was arrested on College Hill Road for driving while intoxicated was found responsible for the charges of engaging in conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person; and use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policies. The student was placed on a status of probation through graduation from Hamilton, lost the privilege to have a car on campus, must commit 10 hours of community service to the Safe Walks program before the end of the fall semester, and must participate in the TRAC program.

Students who had a party in their room with multiple cases of alcohol accepted responsibility for the charges of consuming alcohol as minors; having open containers of alcohol in a public area; violating the College's policy which prohibits bulk alcohol in residence halls; and making excessive noise. The students were placed on a status of probation through the fall semester and required to perform 10 hours of community service with the Campus Safety Department.

Students who smoked marijuana in a residence hall room accepted responsibility for violating the College's policy on illegal drugs. They were placed on a status of probation through the 1997-98 academic year.

A student who accepted responsibility for violating the College's policy on bulk alcohol in residence halls was placed on a status of probation for one and a half semesters. The student was also required to attend two meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Students who had a party with a keg at their Griffin Road apartment accepted responsibility for violating the College's policy on bulk alcohol. They received a written warning, were required to prepare and distribute to Griffin Road residents information about College policies, and are required to develop educational initiatives to help stop DWI.

Students who stored an empty keg in their residence hall were found responsible for the College's policy that prohibits kegs in residence halls and received a written warning and reminder that kegs - full or empty - are not permitted in residence halls.

A student who was found responsible for the charge of use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and College policies after consuming alcohol as a minor was placed on a status of warning for one semester.

Students whose behavior had the effect of creating a hostile environment for a potential suitemate were given a formal written warning and will be required to assist with the 1998 Adler Conference.

Student Assembly Platforms
PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY, 1998

John Fantauzzi '99
Jack Spangler '00

Hamilton College is an institution in a state of transition. Our community is still trying to establish direction in the wake of the residential life decision. There are really two major issues that are of overwhelming importance to the student body: the infringement of student rights and responsibilities and the shortage of social options. The upcoming year is of critical importance to the student body because many decisions will be made with respect to these matters.

We must ensure that these issues are resolved in a manner that is advantageous to the student body, and that is why we need experienced leadership at the helm of the Student Assembly. We, John and Jack, have an extensive background in community affairs as well as several years of experience on the Student Assembly. We know what has to be done, and we are ready and able to do it.

We also wish to open the channels of communication between the student body and the Student Assembly because an Assembly that is more informed will be a more effective advocate.

On Thursday December 11, please vote for John Fantauzzi and Jack Spangler for President and Vice-President of the Student Assembly. Thank you.

Joe Freeman '00
Meghan Reynolds '00

We are running for President and Vice-President of the Student Assembly because we feel that changes must be made within it in order to truly represent the students of Hamilton College.

Student Assembly needs to be more accessible to the student body. As the leaders of the Student Assembly, we would encourage its members not only to be more visible on campus, but much more vocal. We feel that as leaders of the Student Assembly, we will be able to motivate students to become more active in their community.

As leaders of the Assembly, we would work to be as visible and as accessible as possible to every student on campus. Also, we would increase the publicity of the Student Assembly by regularly publishing the topics of our meetings. We would also try to sponsor more campus events through the Campus Activities Board, and will work with campus organizations to make schoolwide events something that everyone can participate in and enjoy. We will also regularly sponsor Campus forums like the one held in early November, and will try to make slight reforms to the workings of the Honor Court and J-Board.

James Ryan '99
David Maxwell '99

We, James Ryan and David Maxwell, submit the following platform for consideration in the Student Body election. As juniors we feel we have the experience and knowledge to lead the Hamilton Community and represent the students. By being present through many changes over the last three years we feel that we are conscious of the wide variety of issues that students are concerned with, for example, greater amounts of recycling and a new and more efficient way of buying and selling used books. As president, James Ryan can apply his past experience as a prefect and member of the Student Board of Governors, and vice-president, David Maxwell, senior class president and member of the student council in high-school, have the experience and dedication to relate the needs and interests of the student body to the administration.

We feel we are in tune with the student body, whether it be the ongoing struggle to implement cable in dorm rooms or the more serious matter of creating a safer and united Hamilton Community.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD 1-4 PM, DEC. 11 IN BEINECKE

Departing coaches draw attention to gender issues

GENDER REPORT • FACTS AND FIGURES

	Participation Rate (% of 536 athletes on varsity teams)	Operating Expenses (% of $287,638 spent on athletics)	$ per athlete
Men	56.7%	59.9%	$563.64
Women	43.3%	41.1%	$497.00

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NCAA News or other trade publications that describes the job. As the applications come in, a search committee evaluates each candidate. In the rare instances when a position cannot be filled, the department looks within its ranks.

"McElroy was a full time member of the department, a Division I hockey player in college and was willing to do it," said Murphy. "We didn't want to have a part-timer come in because it would have looked like we were starting the program on a bad foot. If we didn't think she was competent enough we wouldn't have had her do it."

According to Fong, one issue in the hiring process is whether to bring in a coach at an entry level or advanced position. Like many beginning professors, some of the younger coaches, male and female have played and/or assisted on teams but have not had prior head coaching experience.

Looking to the future, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty commissioned an external review to make suggestions for the athletic department to follow. The reviewers recommended more frequent meetings within the department and an integration into the larger faculty ranks.

In addition, the report praised Murphy: "The department chair is nationally known and prominent administrator. Much good comes to Hamilton as a result of his talent, experience, and leadership."

Finally, the College was urged to provide more administrative support — particularly in expanding the role of Associate Director Viscomi — to take some of the burden off Murphy.

"There are many good people within the department, and I think people just want what is best for their programs, and if there was a collective effort to be as supportive of each other as players on a team should be, then perhaps things will improve," said McElroy.

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RILEY'S
Irregular Ramblings

Putting it off for another day

By Riley Fenner '00
Features Writer

When finals are fast approaching during these last two weeks of the semester, the easiest word to pick out of any conversation is "work." Some people are doing a lot of work, while others have given up on their grades but should be doing work. A few people did a lot of work earlier in the semester and now have no one to hang out with in all their free time. A lot of people, however, are still procrastinating but will be doing lots of work later, or tomorrow, or next week, or after they clean their room and find their books. In the meantime, these soon-to-be-serious students have infinite forms of procrastination to choose from.

The best question to ask a procrastinator is, "What have you been up to lately?"

"Well, yesterday I went to the library to do some work, and I just ended up falling asleep in one of the comfortable chairs. When I woke up, I moved to one of the desks, but I even fell asleep there. I knew after I went back to my room and had my friend keep hitting me while I did work, and I still fell asleep, that I had a problem. I've decided to just get lots of rest this week, so that I won't need any during finals."

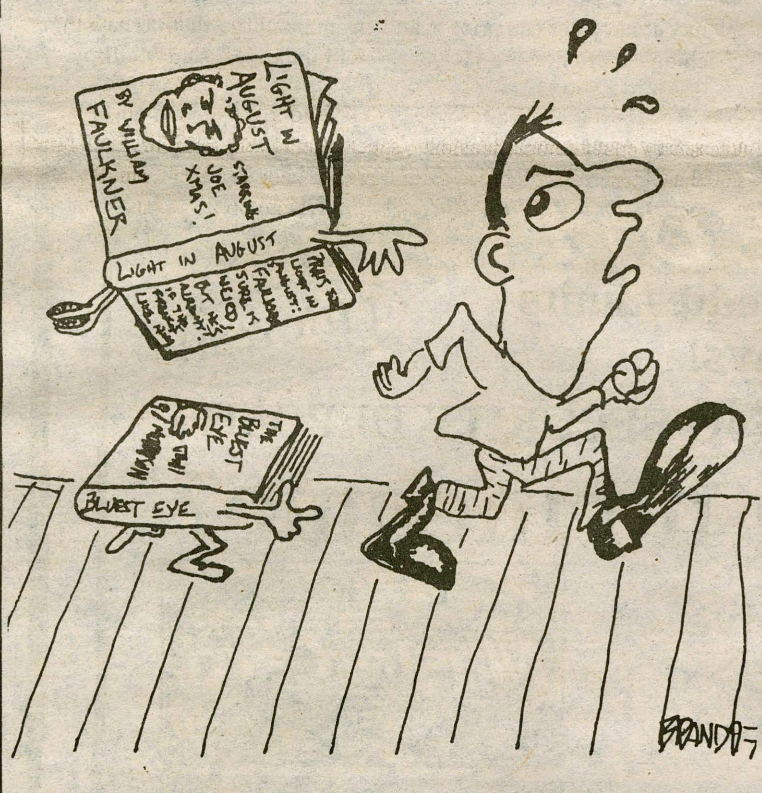
"I've actually been working on this new diet I developed over Thanksgiving break that's specially designed to increase brain mass. I need to add some bulk up there if I'm going to cram all that knowledge in for my exams. I'm eating lots of complex carbohydrates like pasta, because the brain pretty much looks like noodles anyway, so where else could they go? I'm also giving my brain some exercise, just as conditioning for the real work of studying. I've been giving it short bursts of exercise by having long division races with my calculator. I've also been giving it long periods of sustained activity by meditating about the textbooks in their original wrappers on the floor. After another week of this regimen, I'll be so smart that I'll be able to study for all my finals in one night, or else take the same amount of time to build a robot that will take my tests for me."

"I don't know, I've just been hanging out with my friends a lot. I just can't do homework with a clear conscience when I know that I've left some social obligations unfulfilled. I'm just hoping all my friends will get sick of me before exam week."

"I just need to find the perfect setup for my desk before I can really begin studying. I don't know how people can help being distracted by furniture that's not perpendicular and parallel to their walls. People say I'm getting a little extreme, though. For example, yesterday I spent the day refinishing the surface of my desk with perfectly symmetrical tiles, because the uneven parts of its surface and some really intricate graffiti were distracting me. But I'm saying, once I finish soundproofing my walls and uncrinkling all the blemished pages in my books, there will be no tearing me away from all that work."

"I've been watching a lot of TV lately. People say that to find the academic area you want to major in, you should pick the subject that's most enjoyable for you to learn about. Well, I just want to major in TV. I know it sounds stupid, but think about it, who makes more money than the people on television? And how else do you get to be like them other than by watching them all the time? When I've become a big star, what will it matter that I failed all my finals in college. TV will still be there when finals are long forgotten, and I'll be on it, don't you think?"

I think that everyone who procrastinates will still learn a lesson from what they do during finals, although it may be even less fun than the things they didn't enjoy learning.



FACES IN THE CROWD
Karl Mellander '00

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

"My theory is, always be cheerful. It's only logical to be cheerful, so why be sad? I'm extremely accident prone and love ska." Can you guess who it is? Anyone who knows Karl Mellander '00 will tell you he means every word of both those statements. Karl is a sophomore Music and Math double major who executes all his activities with a sense of levity and laughter.

As he says, "Music rules my life, in every way, shape and form." Karl grew up in a very musical family, both his parents are professional musicians in addition to holding other jobs. His sister is also very involved in music. Karl plays trombone and piano and is in almost too many groups to count.

Although he has been playing the piano for more than eight years, the trombone is Karl's instrument. He began to play the trombone in the fourth grade because, "I liked the slide." He continued to play and currently practices for at least an hour and a half every day.

This does not include rehearsal for his music classes either. Karl began to play in the orchestra, brass choir and jazz ensemble last year. He likes to play in all these groups, even if it gets hectic because he, "wanted to expand and play everything." The brass choir plays classical music, the jazz ensemble gives him a taste of jazz, and the two campus bands he is in allow him to play popular music like ska.

Mellander plays with Sugarkane and the Skantinentals, two bands comprised of Hamilton students. He started with Sugarkane when the band was founded and really enjoys playing with them. However, he joined the Skantinentals (ska + Continentals) because of his love of ska. He recently performed with both bands in the Events Barn, and hopes to perform with both again.

Interestingly, Karl did not play in any bands in high school. Rather, he says, he just played on and off with different groups and jammed with friends most of the time. He never performed in a "band" before coming to Hamilton.

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One thing about him that most people don't understand is his choice of majors: Music and Math. He says that most musical people realize that music is very mathematical. "So much depends on proportions of vibrations, and subdivisions of notes, like the quarter and eighth notes." Both majors play off each other very well for him.

His other interests, the outdoors and sports, led him to become an instrumental part of the Hamilton Cross-Country Ski Team and earned him the nickname "Mooosehead Mellander" among his friends. Karl has been skiing since he was two years old. When Steve Mass '00 was looking for people to help him start a ski team on campus Mellander jumped at the chance, and is now an Assistant Director on the growing club team along with Mass and Kara Wilson '00. The team had practices and races throughout last winter and plans to have many successful races in the future.

As for the name "Moosehead" it comes from a camping trip. Karl had gone on a canoe trip and, as he tells it, after helping the group carry the canoe to shore, he began to run back toward the base camp. There were a lot of thick pine trees along the way, darkening the path and Mellander could not see where he was going very well. While running toward the camp a moose walked into the path and Mellander ran into its side, and "Moosehead Mellander" was born.

Karl also enjoys fly fishing, backpacking and hiking and is a member of Hamilton Outing Club. "The outdoors is a big thing for me and I think everyone can learn to appreciate it," he says.

Mellander's appreciation of sports spans to commentating as well. Beginning last spring he and friends Eric Mihan '00 and Jack Spangler '00 broadcast "The Three-Ring Circus" on WHCL 88.7. The guys commentated on ice hockey, usually focusing on the National Hockey League but occasionally on Hamilton hockey as well. The show runs this semester on Saturday and Sundays at 6:30PM.

Karl Mellander's other motto is "Don't change yourself for anyone." Mellander has not, and will not change for anyone else. This talented musician, sportsman and "always cheerful" student should not change -- he is on the right track.

PANORAMA:
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Model U.N. delegation travels to UPenn conference

By Sarah Byrne '00
FEATURES WRITER

Thanksgiving break was still a week away, but a delegation of twelve committed Hamiltonians already had their bags packed. On the morning of Thursday November 20 we met, each with as little luggage as he or she could each manage, in McEwen dining hall for our last meal before the big trip.

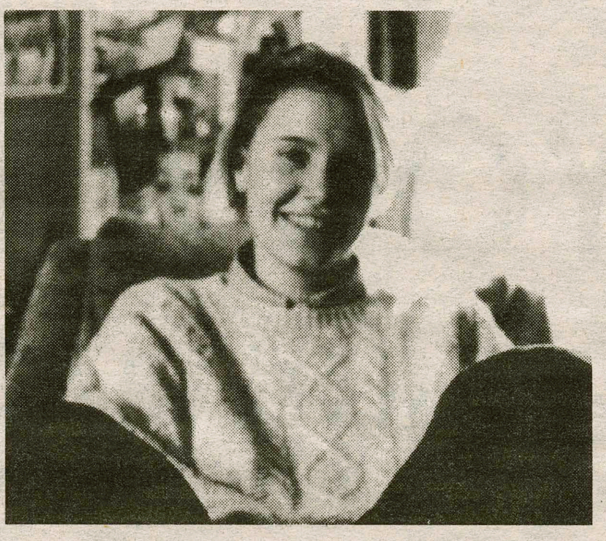
At first there was some question as to whether we could all possibly fit into the white rental van comfortably. After a bit of shuffling around and jumping over luggage to get to our seats, we were ready to leave snowy Clinton behind for Philadelphia. Five and a half sleep-filled hours later we arrived at the Adam's Mark Hotel, our accommodations for the weekend.

Several hours later, after some more napping and some final preparations for the conference, we made our way to the Exhibition Hall for the Opening Ceremonies of the thirty-first University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC). The first committee meetings were set to convene later that evening for three exhausting hours. But it was all worth it to the delegates. The conference was to be the culmination of several months of preparation for Hamilton's Model U.N. delegation: Trisha Abramson '99, Irene Agriodimas '01, Rachel Barek '01, Darren Block '01, Sarah Byrne '00, Sara Erensoy '01, Putney Haley '01, Anne Healy '00, Jeff Krutz '01, Jeff LaBelle '00, Harmony Prosser '00, and Rachel Osborne '00.

Led by our dedicated Head Delegate, Prosser, the group had done research on the position of the State of Israel, Hamilton's assigned country, on specific topic areas such as population control, illicit use of dual-use technology, and reform of the International Court of Justice. Each of these topic areas needed to be fully understood by the delegates, as they would need to use their knowledge of the topics in formulating resolutions to protect the national interests of their assigned country.

But what is Model U.N.? According to the UPMUNC web page, "Model United Nations is the most popular form of organized debate in the world." Delegates are meant to represent the views of their assigned countries in the discussion of resolutions to proposed problems. The point of a conference is not for each of the committees to come up with resolutions to solve enormous problems that even the real United Nations cannot get a handle on, but rather to teach students about the roles of compromise and consensus in international negotiation.

UPMUNC's purpose is to demonstrate the nature of the real United Nations to delegates through the simulation of eighteen U.N. and special committees, ranging from fifteen to over one hundred members. From Thursday night through the Sunday morning session the delegates met for a total of twenty hours of committee sessions. At times, this can be quite frustrating, because a nation may be shut out of negotiations due to its policies. At other times, negotiations can be exciting, as when a delegate wins over a block with a proposed resolution.



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Head delegate Harmony Prosser '00

UPMUNC is the largest conference on the Model U.N. circuit for the fall semester. A total of fifty seven colleges and universities were represented, including delegations from as far away as the University of Chicago and the University of California at Berkeley. Eighty one countries were represented as some schools sent multiple delegations. Country choices ranged from the tiny Holy See to China.

While delegates gained a greater understanding of international relations, they also had time to explore Philadelphia. The U Penn organizers, the Secretariat, graciously planned for bussing services so that the delegates could take advantage of the local night-life and shopping options. The Secretariat also planned for the annual "Delegate Fest." This gave delegates a chance to blow off some steam after three days of intense committee work, and to meet with fellow delegates in an informal setting.

Finally the weekend drew to a close. We piled back into the van, ready to do some of the work that would be due the following day. As the van wound its way up the Hill I cringed to think of all the work that I still faced before break, but the fun I'd had outweighed the pressure by far.

Vaid lecture has implications for community

By Sarah Byrne '00
FEATURES EDITOR

A crowd of students, faculty and staff gathered in the Fillius Events Barn on Wednesday night to hear a lecture given by Urvashi Vaid, director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Vaid presented a lecture titled "Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation." The lecture was of the same name as the award-winning book in which Vaid argues that the status of gays and lesbians is one of "virtual equality," or a "conditional acceptance based more on appearances than on actual civil equality."

Vaid began her speech at the level of the Hamilton community. She spoke of a gay friend that attended Hamilton in the 1970s. She supposed that the stories he tells of feelings of loneliness and shame mixed with the support of friends would be quite similar to stories that might be overheard at a present day Rainbow Alliance meeting. Vaid said that the difference between the 1970s and the 1990s is that the silence of the 70s has been replaced by violence and backlash. Vaid called the violent attack upon an activist lesbian student "typical." In this day and age prejudice and hate-motivated violence are part of what Vaid labelled a "culture of disrespect."

Vaid went on to criticize both the political right and "what passes as the left." She said that both seem to harbor disrespect for difference. One of the keys, however, is recognizing that difference is essential in the creation of a community.

To illustrate her point Vaid spoke of meeting Ralph Reed at a dinner for Time's fifty most influential people under forty. Vaid said that she respects Reed. She told him that both of their sides must come together and find a way to talk to each other. Neither homosexuals nor the religious right are "going away." Communication is one way through the "action-reaction dynamic."

Vaid remarked that visibility does not necessarily equal comprehension. She said that phrases like, "We're here, we're queer, get used to it," do not help in the construction of community. The formation of a cohesive community in which heterosexuals, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals each have a role requires constant discussion, which is often ended by such statements.

"Just because Ellen is on TV doesn't mean that the battle is won," she said. And, indeed, many reforms must be made to formally recognize homosexuality legally as well as culturally. Vaid remarked that some people do not believe that non-heterosexuals are discriminated against. One must only look to the freedoms denied gays to see that this is false; these include "anti-gay" laws dealing with marriage and sodomy, and a lack of protection in issues dealing with employment and child custody.

Vaid outlined five changes that she feels are necessary to changing the status quo. The most important points seemed to be the formation of a progressive ideology, the reexamination of political alignments, and the creation of a more localized base. While Vaid spoke on a national level, it is important to think of the implications of such ideology for the Hamilton community.

After all of the incidences of ignorant and violent behavior that have occurred over the past two academic years, Vaid's phrase, "culture of disrespect" seems very familiar. Each time there has been an 'open forum' to discuss the social problems at Hamilton, the issue of respect has been raised. What is respect? Is it tolerance? Is it understanding?

Vaid said that "we should not be fighting to live in our own world" but a world in which homosexuality is understood and "woven into life." The same is true for Hamilton. Progressive groups should join together on "intersecting" issues -- fight for a common end rather than a single issue.

Vaid's lecture, a part of the President's Focus Series on Civility and Conflict Resolution, should be looked at in the context of forming a better Hamilton. We should respect differences and open the lines of communication to create a true community.

Landmark in danger

Clinton Cider Mill to close

By Stephen A. Mickle '00
FEATURES WRITER

Imagine this. The year is 1905. Hamilton is playing their rival, Union College, in the annual football battle. You are a student, and like all students in the day, the words football and cider went hand in hand. Hamilton was of course still an all male institution, and on this special day, these ranting young men were on a mission. Just before the game, men would pack the trolley which took them downtown, on a rusty, steel rail mind you, to the Clinton cider mill. At the mill, one could witness the largest transaction of cider brew imaginable. As Mr. "Red" Wentworth passes the legend on, these students banged on his sleeping grandfather's door screaming "bring out the hard cider!" Hard cider is, of course, a mildly carbonated apple cider pumped with alcohol which many students at Hamilton, over the age of 21 of course, enjoy regularly. Oh no, don't ever think hard cider is a modern fill-in for those who cringe at the taste of beer; hard cider is a longstanding tradition which early Hamiltonians never failed to embrace. So, with cases in their arms, these die-hard football fans reboarded the trolley and headed up the hill to the ol' pigskin.

Today, the Clinton cider mill is closing forever, unless enough publicity arises so that some dedicated soul moves to take it over. Mr. "Red" Wentworth, at the age of seventy, is experiencing some moderate health problems, and because his two children are prospering in business outside of Clinton, there is no one to receive the family legacy which began just after the end of the Civil War. The cider mill reaps great profit yearly, and caters cider to The Hill on a regular basis. Guess where the cider comes from on parent's weekend? Guess where Cafe Opus gets their cider on occasion for their hot beverages? And to quote Mrs. Wentworth: "Where do you think that immaculate mix of bourbon and cider comes from at all your 'frat' parties?"

Regardless of the various applications of Clinton's cider, the mill itself is unquestionably a tradition which cannot be allowed to merely die out. Mr. Wentworth is quite interested in either donating the mill to an organization, or passing it on to the Kirkland Art Center, a group which runs the likes of local thrift shops.

In any case, the job calls for new management, and all it takes is one interested alumnus or faculty member to jump up and adopt the mill for those few precious fall months of brewing. Perhaps persuasion is futile and many readers still feel cider should take the back burner.

Whatever the circumstances, the Wentworths have enveloped a tradition in apple cider brewing since the fall of the Confederacy -- perhaps that is an effective historical angle to take. Let us be realistic, can't our Hamilton family support a cause which has offered us a beautiful beverage, and many alumni memories, for over 100 years?

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Let me tell you a bit about the job. As you may have guessed, the job can be stressful and it can take a lot out of you. The editor of *The Spec* probably works more hours than any student on campus and is assured of one all nighter per week on Thursday nights. The editor has to constantly follow news and events on the Hill as they happen and manage the editorial board to produce quality issues each week. Most importantly, the editor is responsible for being the sole source of news on the Hill, and objectivity is of the utmost significance. When the paper comes out, it's your name that's on the line and the editor has to answer to criticism from the community on a regular basis.

This may seem somewhat overwhelming but there are moments when it's all worthwhile: when you break that story or write a solid editorial, when you see people devouring their copy of the paper in dining halls, or when you get positive feedback and appreciation for the job you've done. Also, I've met so many great people through *The Spec*, and whether it was working with a lot of my close friends last semester, or working with and meeting a group of new people this semester, it really has been the individuals who make Thursday nights what they are.

As far as skills go, here's what the editor should know. Students who served in editorial roles on their high school newspapers or who have spent summers working in the media would be preferred. Writing for a newspaper is *much* different than writing an essay for a class. Some knowledge of Adobe PageMaker desktop publishing software is encouraged but not required. Finally, the editor needs to be someone who can effectively lead and manage a group of people, all of whom have busy schedules too, and end up with a quality 20-24 page newspaper each Friday morning. You can't skimp on the time commitment either. I would also recommend that the editor be at least a sophomore since a good background in Hamilton news and history is essential.

I encourage all of you to consider the option of becoming editor. I'd be happy to sit down with any of you if you'd like to talk about it further. Just e-mail me or give me a ring. Also, I want to emphasize that training will be available in newspaper writing and in desktop publishing on PageMaker.

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Sincerely,
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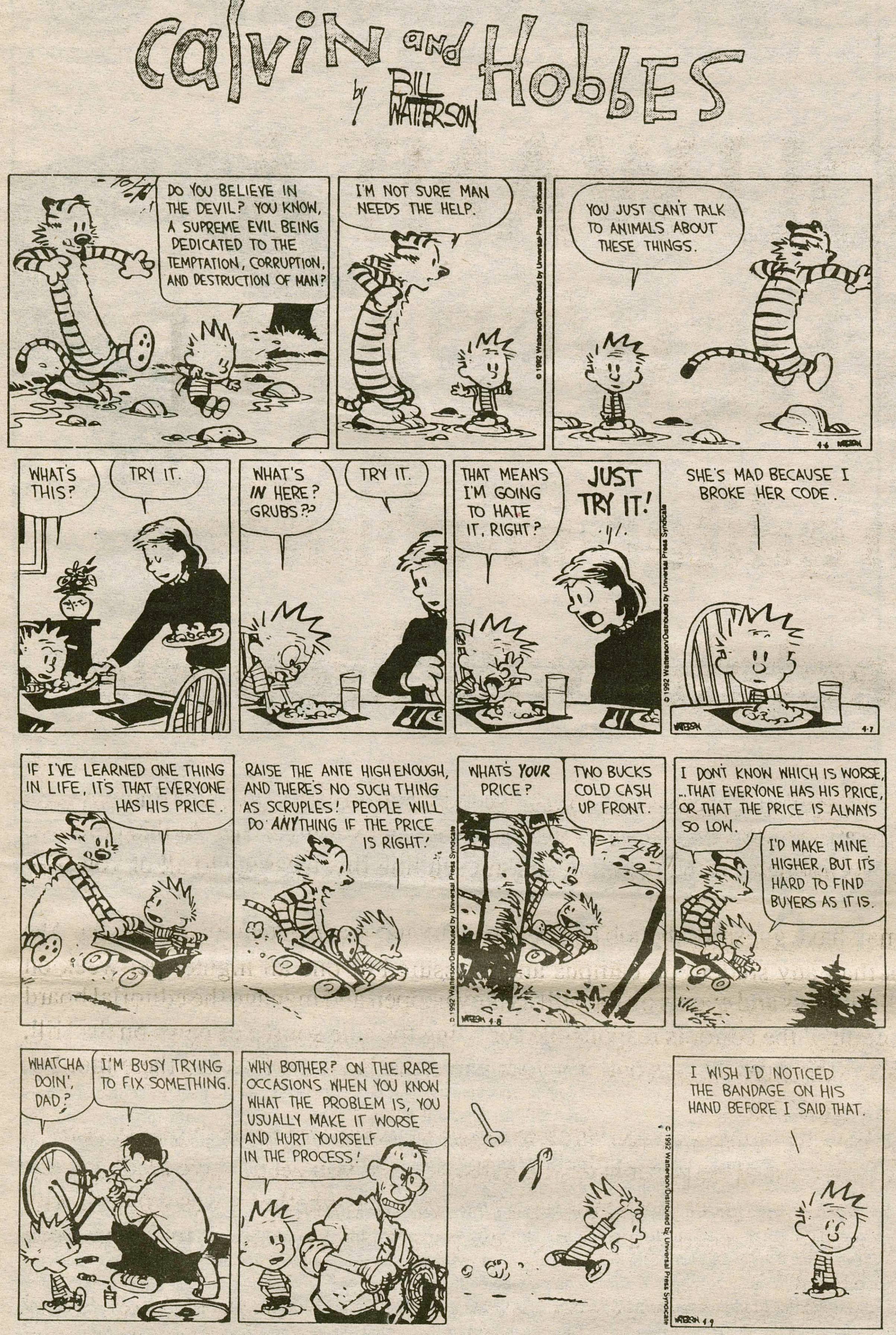

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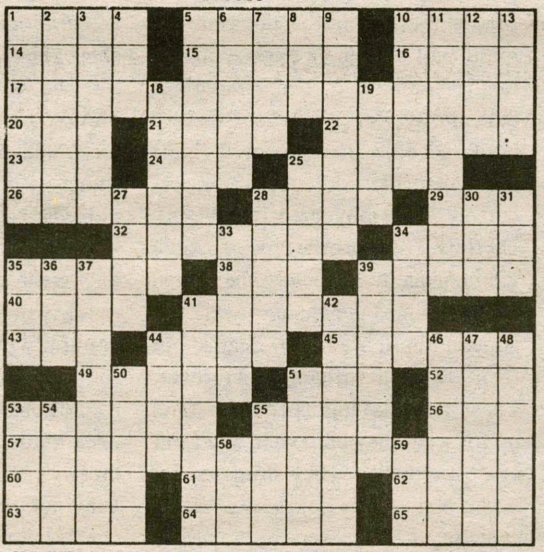

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"Things on sticks are fun! I like sticks!"
-Mary Ellen Martino '01

"I'll try to beat it so that we all get off at the same time."
-Tony Katsetos '99 referring to keeping the beat for the Buffers

PERSONALS

Dear Jerkface,

I just wanted to tell you that you are the greatest person in the entire world. You make my world a much happier place, wherever in the world I happen to be. I know that we'll be together soon. I love you very much. Happy Anniversary!

Fred

Kitten-

One year ago tonight you made me the happiest man on the face of the earth! I love you!

Love,
Bunny

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EDITORIAL

Print it

There's been a great deal of hoopla about student apathy and how none of us are interested in anything, so we will not belabor the subject. But what's the deal with everybody's lack of interest in taking over *The Spectator* this semester? Or even becoming staff writers, for that matter?

Take it on faith that we don't care to toot our horn, but does anybody understand the importance of a reliable newspaper to voice student opinion? Some call the press the fourth estate. Fourth estate, first estate, call it what you will. The free press is invaluable to any respectable society, be it democratic or socialist. And beyond the intrinsic importance, it's just rewarding — hard work and humbling at times, but on the whole, a great time. This is your newspaper, and it needs you.

If this editorial reaches the select few among us who are hungry, intelligent, and ready to take a step up as one of the true leaders of the community, it will be a success. The press is a natural extension of the student body, and we know that there are people who want to step up and add some real life experience to their sheltered years on the Hill.

Every week, literally thousands of people read *The Spec*, in print or on-line. Imagine what you can do with such a readership. Every week a group of savvy, Walter Cronkites-in-waiting gets together and puts out something that people devour. Imagine what you can do with such demand for a high quality community rag.

The scant response to the open positions of editor-in-chief and staff writers is indeed disturbing. People say they have too much work, or that they just don't want to commit to *Spec* on such a level, but where are the people who take a good challenge and then reap the rewards of hard work? Prove it to your parents and make them proud — prove it to yourself. Be all you can be. Join *The Spec*.

Without an editor for 1998, there will be no newspaper. A marginal rock band once said, "You don't know what you got 'til it's gone." Maybe this campus needs to lose one of its attributes to understand what it means to have a forum for debate and a source of information.

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LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Student questions relevance, value of Madonna series

To the Editor:

Are you kidding me!? A three part feature on Madonna? Is this *Rolling Stone* or the Hamilton College newspaper? Regardless of whether Madonna means something to Mr. Carman, she does not deserve a three part expose in our newspaper. I am not criticizing Madonna in particular, but rather the idea of an expose on a rock star. Our paper is not a pop music magazine. The opinion articles should pertain to activities on the campus or real life issues, not the vain influence of a half-talented "musician." There is a music section in our paper that reviews current music releases and current performances. Take up space in that section.

There are millions of influential people that have lived in this century. Madonna is not one that pops into my mind. Try writing an expose on one of the hundreds of heroes/heroines that are overlooked by our history books. People from the civil rights movement like Malcolm X, or precursors to that movement like W.E.B. Du Bois. These are the type of people who changed the society they lived in. Sometimes the changes were not apparent until after their deaths, but their ideas will influence us forever. These activists taught people to stand up for what they believe in and fight against injustice. They struggled for a cause that they knew was unaccepted by the masses and by the people in power. These are the type of people who change social and cultural structures, not pop-rock singers.

Zeroing in on Mr. Carman's topic, why not do a feature on the Women's Movement of the 60's, 70's and 80's that is still being fought today? If you want to talk about people that have influenced concepts of gender roles in our society, write a series on Adrienne Rich or one of the many other feminists who fought for the liberation of women. These are women who dedicated their lives to help fight a cause they believed in. They are the reason that we have seen changes in the way our society views women. Instead of writing about Madonna, write about people who truly struggled for their cause and who truly changed the face of our country.

Madonna would be nothing without the changes that occurred in the 30 years before her. All Madonna did was take advantage of the fact that she is appealing to the male eye. She is a millionaire and can do whatever she wants. Boy, she sure sacrificed a lot. The women who participated in the Women's Movement put their ideas and their lives on the line to fight for a greater good. All Madonna did was ride the coat-tails of their struggles, and cash in on the changes they created.

My point is not that Madonna is culturally insignificant. Obviously she has been influential if many "fine" institutions offer classes on her. However, Madonna significance depends greatly upon those that preceded her. Why not write a series of essays on one of her predecessors or on one of the hundreds of other people that have influenced our society? Madonna is an accidental result of the hard work and struggles of many educated and impassioned people. Lets hear about the source of cultural changes, not the result.

The Spectator continues to let me down with its high school topics. If there are not seven articles on fraternities/sororities, then *The Spec* seems lost. There are millions of topics that are of interest to college students. Lets hear about them. This is not a teen magazine, it is a college newspaper.

Bryan Ricchetti '99

Editor's Note:

Mr. Ricchetti is encouraged to check out the advertisement on page 8 of this issue. —*Ed.*

Snyder's letter based on 'inane analogy'

To the Editor:

Comparisons are odious. That can't be truer than it is for Peter Snyder's statement at the end of his letter in the last *Spectator* issue. Either he thinks that the Hamilton fraternity situation is a couple of thousand orders of magnitude worse than it is or he is in the dark about the extent of Pol Pot's atrocities. Mr. Snyder, why don't you tell us why the current Hamilton policy towards fraternities reminds you of the Khmer Rouge? Anyone can throw an inane analogy. Before reminding Hamilton that it will have to accept responsibility for the "destructive" policy, you should attempt to make responsible statements.

Naeem Sheikh '96

LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Study: Societies don't meet expectations

Pledging at Hamilton is a process many freshmen will endure this spring in hopes of finding new friends. For our Introduction to Women Studies project we interviewed sixty men and women and compared first year expectations of private societies to sophomores, juniors, and seniors real life experiences.

By surveying a random population of first year students, we discovered that many believed that admission into a society would bring friendship, security, and popularity. Ironically many upperclassstudents have experienced disappointment because these expectations were not met. Many upperclassmen voiced their disappointment concerning the false sense of solidarity that resulted after they had gone through pledging. Despite community service programs, too often societies were referred to as being mainly "drinking clubs." Others were discouraged by the lack of diversity and exclusive nature that was fostered by implicit discrimination.

Does being in a society reinforce stereotypes that you are comfortable with? Are you really expanding your group of friends by committing to a private society? Based on our research we want: those who are rushing to carefully consider their reasons for joining a private society. We were also left with the question: are members of private societies portraying an accurate image?

Meghan Hern '01
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Professor addresses reckless students, peers

To the Six Students:

You will recognize yourself as one of the students who, around midnight the Saturday night before Thanksgiving, sauntered down College Hill Road in the right-hand lane, back to the oncoming traffic, in dark clothes, in the mist.

Fortunately, the few cars that came by were able to swerve around you as you stood your ground and cursed them, and none that I know of got a flat from the bottle you tossed. Nevertheless, had a car come down the curve, you and some of your friends would be dead or permanently disabled, and the driver's life would be ruined.

You would be even less fortunate if the driver, in trying to miss you, had suffered a similar fate by swerving into a tree or an oncoming car, responding instinctively and generously to protect you from the danger that you imposed on yourself and others.

To those that love them:

You may know one of the six, or think you might. Let him or her know of your concern. He or she will belittle your concern, and deny that the behavior was dangerous. Out of love, insist. Insist, and watch over him or her in the future. Consider also your own responsibility in facilitating their drinking.

If you are a parent, let your son or daughter know of your love, and your concern about drinking at Hamilton and the irresponsible behavior that it may lead to.

Jonathan Vaughan

Queer Christianity: eroticism, Jesus, and spiritual fulfillment

KYLE HARRIS
MIXED IDENTITY

In an attempt to encourage fears of desire, homophobia, openly erotic art, and free sexual expression, many Protestants and Catholics alike selectively read the Holy Bible as an anti-erotic text. A detailed reading reveals that the scriptures encourage anything but sexless lives. In fact, the Holy Bible is an extremely erotic work promoting transgendered, eroticized, desire based spirituality. Because the scriptures bend gender, affirm desire, promote universal love and defend the marginalized, Christianity contains an immense amount of erotic, queer content.

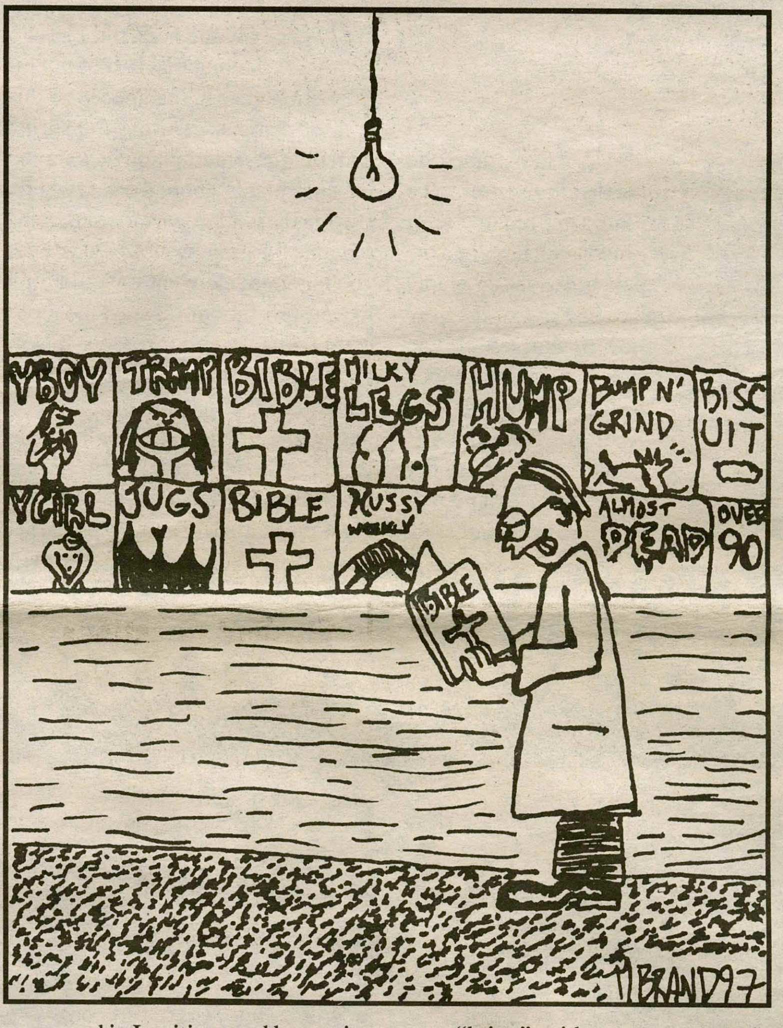
While Jesus' sexuality is never discussed within the gospels, he clearly engages in erotic acts. Luke 7 describes Jesus' physical relationship with a "womyn who had lived a sinful life..." (Luke 7:37) "...she began to wet his feet with her tears...Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them." Jesus goes on to forgive the womyn for her sins, "for she loved much." While it would be easy to dismiss the passage's intense erotic content, Jesus states later in the passage, while attacking a religious leader, "You did not give me a kiss, but this womyn, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet." (Luke 7:45)

Poets throughout history describe feet as highly erotic. Oil, hair and, kisses symbolize aspects of erotic sexual expression. The spiritual connection between the womyn and Jesus manifests itself in an overtly erotic way. While the description lacks displays of the lustful, repressed sexuality, encouraged by conservative sexual values, the eroticism expressed transcends the womyn's sinful background, allows Jesus and the womyn to connect on every level, and is deeply intertwined in the spiritual nature of forgiveness.

The Song of Solomon describes the passion between two lovers. The writer glorifies the unmarried lovers for their physical and emotional expressions of love. "My lover is to me a sachet of myrrh resting between my breasts." (Song of Solomon 1:13) The writer turns spiritual love into a direct physical experience. Later within the book, the womyn states "And our bed is verdant." Associating two lovers with a bed leaves little to the imagination. The bed, in relation to lovers, has always been a symbol of sexual exploration and physical expression. The lovers make love with each other to express the passion of their spiritual, loving connection.

Many interpretations of The Song of Solomon state that the relationship between the lover to the beloved symbolizes the relationship between God and Jerusalem. God uses erotic sexuality to relate with her people. Regardless of the traditional interpretation, the book models ideal love. Lovers relate in spiritual, physical, and emotional ways. Eroticism manifests itself in each venue of relating.

While considering queer theory and Christianity, one must acknowledge the anti-desire cultural laws expressed in Leviticus and later reinforced by Paul. The laws expressed in Leviticus, most of which have been discounted in Christianity and Reform Judaism, never mention "homosexuality." However they do state "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a womyn; that is detestable." (Leviticus 18:22) Beyond the fact that it would be rather difficult for a man to lie with a man as he lies with a womyn, the law was written within a cultural context that disapproved of men "lying" with men on a purely cultural basis. Many laws, including the dietary laws, have been discounted by Christianity as culturally irrelevant in contemporary society. Even Jesus ignored many of the verses found within Leviticus. Jesus broke the law expressed in Leviticus 19:16 which states "Do not go about spreading slander among your own people." by deeming the religious leaders of his time a "brood of vipers." A Christian interpretation of Leviticus that deems the single law expressed within verse 18:22 more important than other cultural laws which even Jesus disregarded is hypocritical and hateful.



Queer sexual expression relates directly to the theology of Paul. It seems rather silly for a person who is "in Christ" to be preoccupied with the gender of his or her lover when Paul states "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) Within the Christian tradition, the children of God, in other words everyone, has no definitive sex nor gender. For a Christian, bi-polar notions of sexuality like heterosexuality and homosexuality should be obliterated and replaced with fluid, queer sexuality. The transgendered nature of Paul's statement reveals the intensity with which early Christians despised structured notions of sex and gender.

A careful examination of the scriptures reveals the absurdity of promoting bi-polar interpretations of sexuality within the Christianity. In addition, ignoring and apologizing for the eroticism expressed within the Holy Bible would be a short sighted, futile criticism. Because queer thought and Christian thought are inseprable, conservative readers of the Holy Bible must stop manipulating the scriptures to preach anti-erotic, anti-Christian heterosexuality and hate. In additions, Christians should admit that because they are in-Christ, they have no sex or gender and are therefore fluid, transgendered, and queer. Closeting their transgendered identities mocks the scriptures and denies the benifits of loosing sex and gender by being "in-Christ."

LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

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1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail, email at "spec@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh double density disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

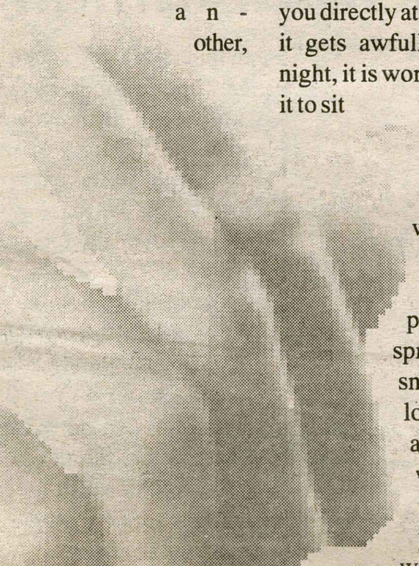
6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.

Desperately seeking smoking

CHRIS MACHERA
THOUGHTLESS PHILOSOPHER

I do my best thinking when I am smoking cigarettes As I strolled along the campus with a Parliament and an active mind, I began to ponder all of the good things that this campus has for us. Now, I am not going to sit here and list what my favorite things about Hamilton are because I don't think anyone is particularly interested and every person is different and has different preferences and predilections. As I was strolling about, though, I realized that there is one aspect of Hamilton which everyone can appreciate — our campus.

I am sure that everyone has, at one time or an-other, noticed a particularly nice spot or view on campus. Well, I have too. So I have made a rough list of my favorite places to sit on campus and smoke cigarettes. This does not mean that you non-smokers out there have to take up a bad habit to enjoy your surroundings, but, let's be honest, it is only so much fun to just sit and stare and, furthermore, if someone sees you just standing around staring into space for more than a couple of minutes they might call campus safety.



1. The Class of '39 bench along the walk between South and Bristol. The bench faces Northeast and points you directly at the Chapel. Although it gets awfully nippy at night, it is worth it to sit here for a little while after sunset. The lamp in front of you, at night, will highlight the pale brownish-grey tree sprouting out of the grey snow to your left. If you look forward, you notice a stout brown Maple(?) which blocks the Church and whose upper limbs extend upward and pull your sight toward the bright cream steeple, the North Star of Hamilton College. And the steeple is so brilliant and beautiful, that, for a second, you feel a little guilty that you have not been to church more often this year.

2. The step outside of Cafe Opus. The first thing I think when I look out here is that I am looking at some kind of Dutch landscape painting from the seventeenth century. The only thing that reminds me it is not is the blue scoreboard which pops out from behind a hill on the soccer field. Your view flows narrowly through the space between McEwen and KJ and funnels out into forever. If you are lucky enough to make it here during the morning, it is hard not to think about important stuff.

3. The entrance to the Garden near the Root Glen. I do not think I have ever seen anyone here, but I have a feeling that half of my tuition goes to the upkeep of this area of campus. During the spring and summer, entertaining flowers and unusual plants abound everywhere. During the winter, only the sad stems remain, but if you close your eyes you can imagine what it would look like in full bloom. The stone steps comprising the entrance slope downward turning into a blanket of snow which eventually falls into a brook only to rise upward again as the spectacular woods of the Glen. I am always sure when I sit here over a cigarette that a deer or moose is either about to pass by or waiting for me to get up so it can pass through without human detection.

4. Anywhere on the Golf course. Listen, you do not have to like golf to appreciate the view provided by the Hamilton course. During the spring, when I light a cigarette on the course it means that I am trying to calm my nerves from an askew tee shot, but during the winter a cigarette means I am just sitting down and checking out one of the nicest landscapes that I see at Hamilton.

And it has been said before by people a lot smarter and insightful than I am, but I repeat them in saying that your natural surroundings are the one thing that can not be taken from you by anyone. I know that the Hamilton sights are a hell of a lot nicer looking then the ones from my hometown. So before we get all worked up about little stuff and before we go onto the cities to make a killing on Wall Street, we should appreciate what we have here. Every walk that you take across this campus everyday is filled with places worth stopping and soaking in. Not even Gene Tobin can take that away from you. No one can.

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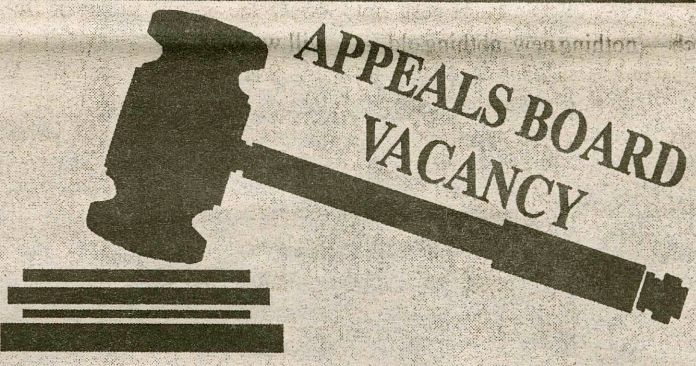

APPEALS BOARD VACANCY

The Appeals Board announces a vacancy for a student representative for the Spring 1998 semester. The Appeals Board consists of three faculty and two students, and hears appeals of Judicial Board and Honor Court cases.
Any student interested in serving on the Appeals Board for the Spring should contact Prof. Steve Orvis, Appeals Board Chair, by Monday, December 15 to get application instructions.
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Welcome back Dr. Frankenstein

Lou Insel
Mad Reasonings

We all know the archetypal image of science gone wrong. The mad Dr. Frankenstein laughing in maniacal glee as his counter-god creation breathes its first breath. But why is it that science, in its pure cold form, scares us so much? Is it our religious background or maybe an inkling buried deep in ourselves that fears for our very existence if we tread to far into the realm of the unknown, science's home and hearth. Whatever the reason for our fear, it never lasts too long as old memories get older and new discoveries overshadow our trepidation.

Science even terrifies scientists on occasion. Dr. Robert Oppenheimer upon gazing at his most awesome creation, the atom bomb, uttered with no small amount of dread "I am Shiva, destroyer of worlds." He could not have been more right. The nuclear age was a loud wake up call that science, a sort of dog on a chain, could easily loose itself from its bonds if we didn't watch over it carefully. The atom bomb with its undeniable killing force made many a layman and scientist alike consider ethical concerns. Should we march blindly on pursuing progress no matter what the cost? Where would it all end?

Many a group has been formed to keep tabs on science and progress in general. In the late fifties pregnant mothers in much of Europe and the U.S. were prescribed a drug known as thalidamide to ease the discomfort of morning sickness. The drug, unbeknownst to all, carried some hideous side effects. Those same mothers who had managed to dodge the pain of morning sickness saw their babies come out with horrible birth defects. The Food and Drug Administration established in the thirties to ensure quality in food production, became instantly prominent in the fight to regulate thalidamide and eventually all new drugs. Science began to chafe at the bit quickly afterwards.

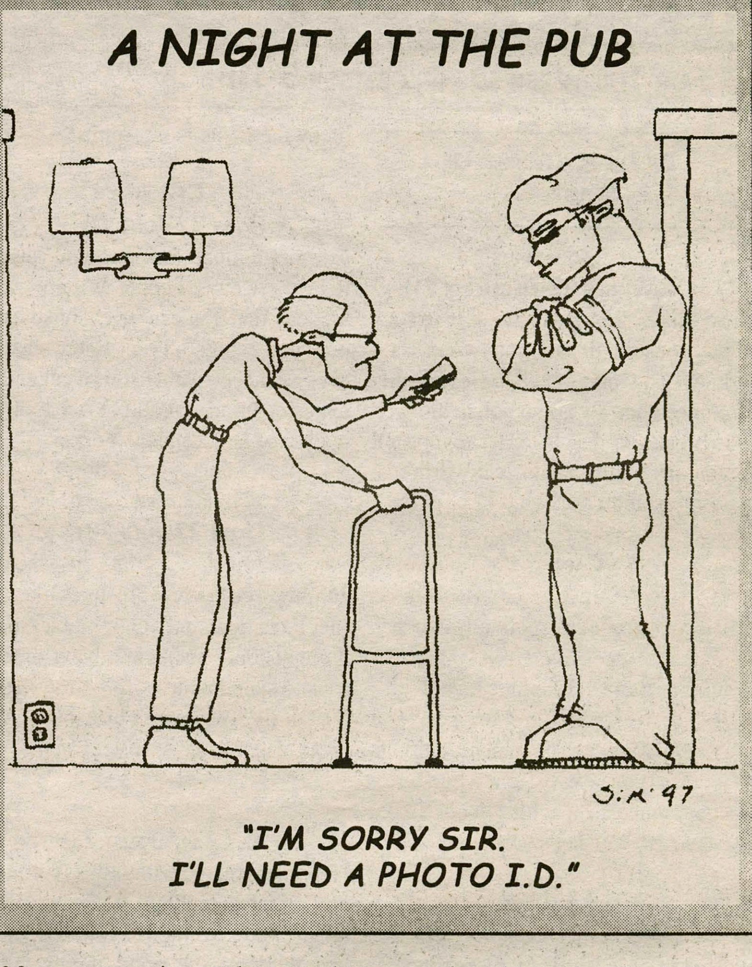
Science claimed that the F.D.A.'s policy of making drug companies put their new products through batteries of tests was a needless delay. But the American public and the federal government did not forget the sight of the "thalidamide babies" too quickly. The ugly side of progress scared them into enacting regulations that seemed more to slow down science than actually to inspect or improve on it. But the quick backlash of fear caused by the thalidamide fiasco waned over the years.

Society became complacent once again to the darkside of discovery. As time rolls on we quickly forget the hard lessons learned by those who went before. Science, as a double edged sword, is one of those lessons.

As I write, thalidamide has found its way back into the spotlight. The drug seems to be greatly reducing symptoms of AIDS and other immune deficiency disorders. While Thalidamide returning to the market will be the most regulated drug in history, the lesson doctors learned in the fifties has faded in its import.

Sufferers of Bechets disease (an immune disorder that thalidamide seems to help alleviate) and AIDS in their desperate search for relief are pushing the F.D.A. and drug companies for any kind of treatment. Their shortsightedness must not infect us. We cannot forget the horror unlocking the door of discovery sometimes, nay often times yields. Science must always be tempered with caution, for the power it has can get out of control with ease. It will be the responsibility of future generations to keep up the monitoring of this very scary field. When Dr. Frankenstien's creature will rear his ugly head again, we must make sure that everyone knows and watches out for him when he comes.

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99



Facing the music: Only the good die young

Nina Sharma
Reflections

As usual, I'm stuck for an idea — what pressing issue concerns the Hamilton Community this week? To be honest, not much — nothing new, nothing old — but instead, something consistent, an old cliché that always hits home, "Only the Good Die Young."

Yes, it's our old favorite Mr. Billy Joel. It's an incentive for all of us to live dangerously, to take risks and to be daring, to not be "good" in order to not die young. But just think for a minute of the truth to that statement, and all of these so-called "good" people who have died young: John Lennon, James Dean, Elvis, Jim Henson, Kurt Cobain, Martin Luther King, Jr, Marilyn Monroe, John F. Kennedy, Jr., Jim Morrison, Princess Diana—the list is endless and yet, we must ask ourselves, are all of these people truly "good" or do we simply romanticize their existence in order to heighten their tragedy?

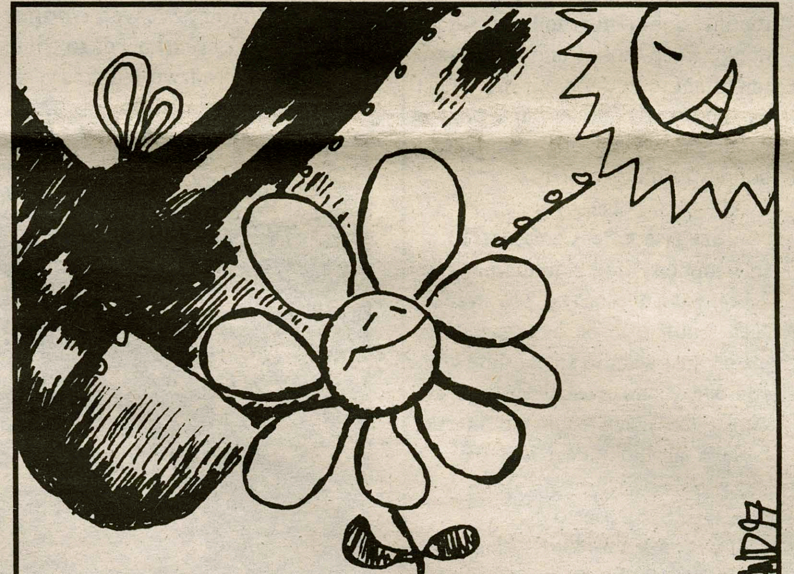
The fact is that although some of these people (namely JFK, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Princess Diana) are undoubtedly great, we still look upon all of the others with great admiration solely because they died before they were acceptably old. Who is to say that old is the way to die? How do we know that had any of these legends lived past their dates of death that they would have continued to drive us to exultation. The plain and simple truth is that we don't know the answer to any of this, nor will we ever.

So, what is the answer? Do we live dangerously and indulge ourselves in every aspect of life only to die at a young age? Or do we strive to accomplish only the best and still face the chance of an early death? Clearly, there is no answer. I'm starting to get a little uneasy about this whole good thing, quite frankly, because I really can't find an answer to how anyone of us should live our own lives. It's with a great amount of hope and an even larger amount of dedication that we strive to be as successful as a Martin Luther King, Jr., or a Jim Henson, yet it is so much easier and more presently fun to go absolutely crazy and have an extravagant lifestyle like Marilyn Monroe or Kurt Cobain. And in the long run, who's right?

I truly believe that the good do die young, although I can't really begin to explain why. My grandmother died at the age of 82, yet I am positive that she was a good person. Just yesterday, my baby cousin died at only 3 months old, and yet she brought more happiness to her parents than anything in the world. One of the strongest people I ever knew was a 4 year old girl named Laura Dziemian who battled cancer for 3 of her living years only to die last October, yet I am positive that she was one of the truly good people in the world. With all of this is mind, it's hardly a comfort to believe that the good die young, yet it is also unmistakably clear that it does happen.

Billy Joel has baffled my mind. I really do believe that the good die young, I'm just not happy with it. I wish there could be some easier answer to all of my questions, but in conclusion, I can't seem to find a concrete one anyway. So at least if I don't have any answers to this imponderable statement, at least I may have gotten you to think a little harder.

And I thought I had nothing to write about.



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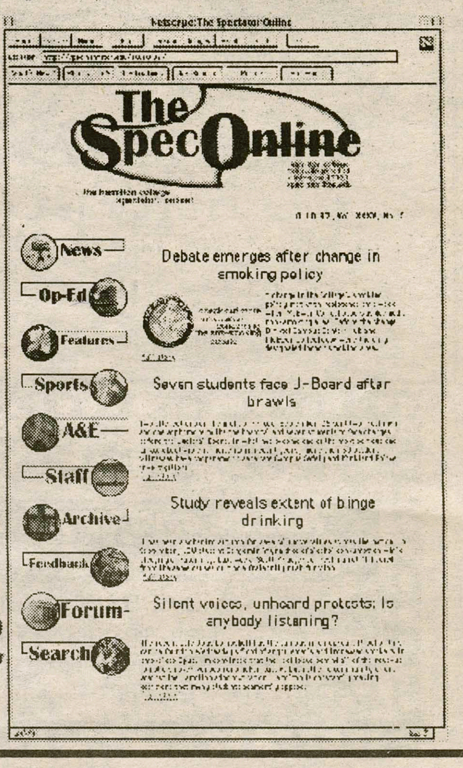

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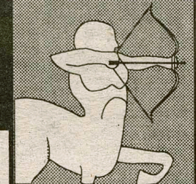


For The Week Of December 5-11th

By The Mysterious Q
A&E Astrolger

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
So this birthday you are sure to rock the house and you won't even truly know how crazy it was. Hey, it only comes once a year so you're allowed to break all rules. Don't let anyone tell you differently. Your lucky drink is: Long Island Iced Tea.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Discovering new spots all over has made you feel like Christopher Columbus these days. Share them with a friend. Keep looking for new and exciting things to do, you need things to take you away from your work every once in a while. Your lucky candy is: Werther's.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
There's only a little bit more time left in the year. Tie up all loose ends, don't wait till the last minute or avoid things altogether. You know what makes you happy, so do it. Your lucky assignment is: a term paper.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Visit people on other parts of the campus a little more often. You won't believe the results. Start planning holiday surprises that bring smiles to friends faces, your creativity is at its peak right now. Your lucky decade is: the 70's.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Everything seems to be dwindling down all at once, but don't think that your life will be boring when the work all ends. If breaks are normally dull times for you, this one will certainly be a different experience. Your lucky scent is: Chlorine.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Feeling like an old person these days, Taurus? Soon enough you'll be back to your young self. Don't let your bruises or bumps hold you back. If you do, you'll become a wimp. Your lucky medicine is: morphine.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Corporate mode is where you seem to be these days. People will give up the idea that you can be changed, so now you can go all out. Enter whatever world you want to this weekend, experimenting is good. Your lucky magazine is: The New Yorker.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
So you had a blast at home this weekend, and you crave more times like it. Just be patient and you'll be kicking it old school once again. Next time, try and spend a little more time with the family. They miss you a lot. Your lucky decoration is: tinsel.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Happiness mixed with sadness is one of your latest feelings. It'll be hard to let go of some things in your life, but just think of the good things that came out of them. Remember no one is quite like you. Your lucky night is: Monday.

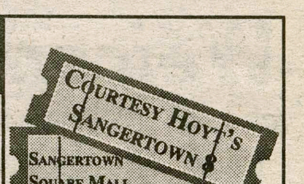
Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
So you're falling back into the same routine, doesn't that tell you something? Keep those things which are important to you in your life. Don't try and get rid of things out of convenience, it won't work. Your lucky holiday catalog is: J Crew.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Interruptions during quite time may be frequent these next few weeks. Just continue to be understanding, people just want to spend time with you. Make sure to use these next few weeks wisely they're sure to be memorable. Your lucky store is: DEB.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
Spice and fun encounters will fill your dreams and your days these next few weeks. Just be sure to be careful while you're having fun. Not everyone is as fortunate as you, so be sensitive to others feelings. Your lucky meal is: lunch.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Alien Resurection — C
Anastasia — B

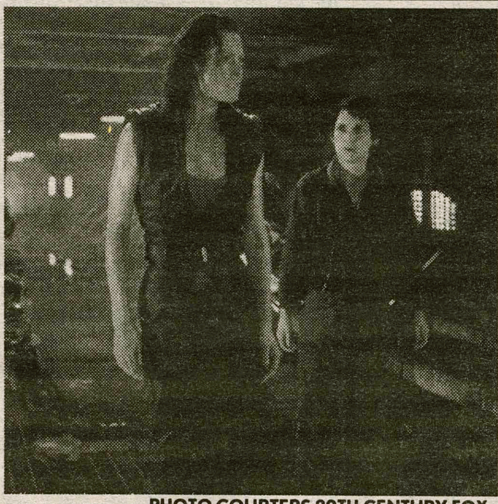


By Kathy Hess '99
A&E Writer

Is the cold not giving you enough mucus? Then check out either *Anastasia* or *Alien Resurrection* to get your fill. Both films are trying to prove something (Disney isn't the only animator and the *Alien* series is not dead), and both advertize strong women as a part of the mix. Both films also have some major challenges to overcome.

The challenge with *Anastasia* is that they picked a very odd time in history to make into a fun-filled animated feature. It is surprising that the historical accuracy vultures haven't picked this flick apart as much as they did Pocahontas. The fall of imperial Russia! With musical numbers! Forgetting that, the film has a strong focus in a plot that involves getting the daughter of the czar who, it had been rumored, had not died with her family to Paris to meet the one relative left who might know. The girl who is chosen by fortune hunters to play Anastasia does not remember her childhood at all, so is a good candidate for training

In *Alien Resurrection*, Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver: *Gorillas in the Mist, Copycat*) needs to come back from the dead two-hundred years after jumping into hot metal. DNA research has given the movie world the magic power it never had before to bring people back to life, and Ellen Ripley is cloned in order to get a baby alien out of her womb. Like asking historical questions in *Anastasia*, scientific questions in this flick are just not worth asking. The aliens get loose (if that surprises you, get help) and run around the ship attacking the only people left (the military bolts) who are morally challenged space pirates who include a tough guy, a leader, a girlfriend, a computer person, and a Scottish engineer. The only real question this film poses is; when will *Star Trek* sue?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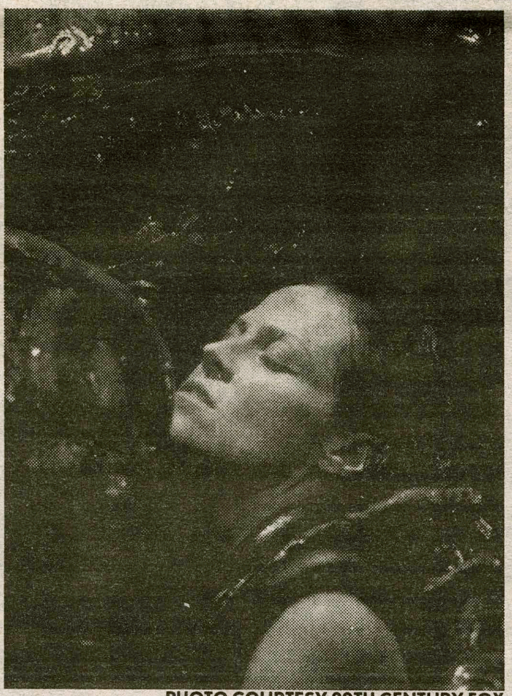
Weaver and Ryder in Alien IV

Both films have amazing special effects. The Aliens are really gross and gooey, and *Anastasia* combines what looks like animation done by hand with computer animation added later. The film is not quite as skillfully done as one by Disney, but it is so close that it is just a matter of time before Disney will have lots of competition.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Weaver & Alien share a tender moment

The films also have wonderful casts for the most part. Anastasia has the voices of Meg Ryan, John Cusack, and Christopher Lloyd as Rasputin. Rasputin is stuck in limbo after having sold his should to see the Romanov family die, and not succeeding. He is loosing green gooey body parts all over the place, but has the help of a sidekick bat who attaches them for him, in a carry over from the parrot Iago in *Alladin*. Meg Ryan is the voice of Anastasia, a intelligent film woman. She is so smart that she walks through Russia in the middle of winter with no food, no money, a sidekick dog, skipping and singing and swinging around a light coat and a scarf.

The alien fighting crew has the amazing Sigourney Weaver, who is such a tough woman that they had to make her part alien. Winona Ryder is a little uncomfortable in this genre, as a sappy tough woman, who is so much of a woman that they made her a computer. She is probably uncomfortable because everyone else in the movie is MUCH bigger than she is. Ron Perlman is pretty cool as a chauvinist asshole. The rest of the cast is fine, but not truly notable. It is hard to be a developed character when your roll involves you running from aliens for two hours.

Both movies would be a disappointment if you are in the mood for a really great film. *Anastasia* is a little more successful plot-wise that *Alien Resurrection*; it has one. The Resurrection, however, is a lot more witty, particularly playing around with religious imagery, and a mouthy Ripley whose tongue is as acidic as her blood (which can put holes in glass but apparently not skin since it doesn't eat away Ripley). On the other hand, there will be an *Aliens V* and *VI* so you might just want to wait. There are a lot of ooze-involved movies around so one can be picky. It can be scary (*Alien's* battery acid ooze), spiritual (holding Rasputin together in limbo), or if you like your green ooze more rubbery, check out *Flubber*.

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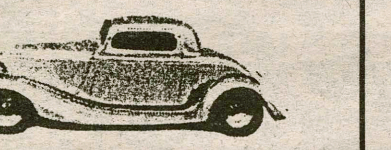

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Correction

In last week's *Spec* the article on *Sugar Kane* incorrectly identified the song "El Carlente" as being a humorous toon when in fact it is a serious ballad dealing with serious issues. The article also failed to identify the female lead vocalist. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused for the buffs of the local music scene. Those responsible have been sacked.

-A&E Editor

CAB shows some "Moxy" in barn concert
Band gives commentary mixed with humor

By Peggy Malloy '01
A&E Writer

On Thursday Night, December 4th at 8pm, a lively crowd of Hamilton students took a break from the end of semester bustle for a night of musical genius, comic relief, and yes, even current events. Moxy Fruvous isa Canadian Band that mixes music, dead-onparody,social commentary,contemplation on the state of the world today, and idealism. Moxy has anAmerican following comparable to that of Phish or Barenaked Ladies. This type of following is odd for a Canadian based band with little American publicity. Jian Ghomeshi, a member of the band, comments on their outlook by saying, " There's so much about current music that's about being darkand depressed. We are none of those things".

Moxy Fruvous stated out in Toronto in 1990. The band was seen asunique because of their amusing a capellas, random rymes, and clever lyrics. Their songs are close to conversation, their words jump between confusion and clarity. The band has written songs about TV talk shows, Dr.Seuss, and even Rush Limbaugh. Mike Ford, the eldest member of the quartet, explains, "WE really like a theme park of an album - a sampler, a variety, a roller coaster ride".

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Their first album was released in 1993, and was entitled "Bargainville". This album is a pleasant mixture of sarcasm, current events, and sincerity. "Wood" which was only released abroad is a far more serious and reflective album. Sometimes the best albums released are simplycollections of former B sides. This may very well be true in the case of Moxy's third album, appropriatly titled "B". The band's latest album, named "You Will Go to the Moon", is their most daring and innovative yet. Moxy Fruvous gave the Hamilton community a wide and diverse sampling of this albumon Thursday night.Adrienne Bliss'00 describes there sound as a cross between "the Buffers and Beck."

The concert was an event to remember, perhaps one of CABS most exciting events of the year. The concert opened with Ratsy, a female singer on the way to the top of the music world. The Boston Globe reprts that at aprevious concert, "Ratsy offered a bequilling opening set dominated by witty, sassy songs about people she is happy to call her ex-boyfriends. Her set was shyly commanding, her real life humor often both funny and insightful". When Moxy began, the bands enthusiasm, when combined with the excitement of the Hamilton crowd, produced an incredible energy level. Album Network said it best when they commented,

" One of the most unique and multitalented groups in recent memory..."

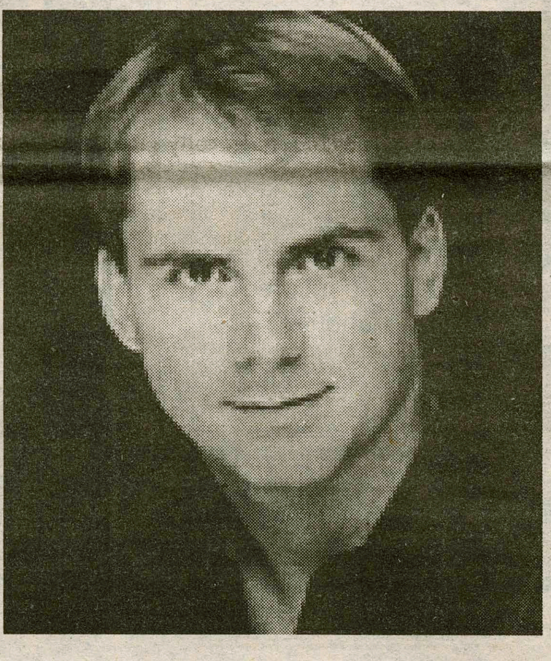
Hamilton freshman Chris Nadler concured with these rave reviews of Moxie Furvous saying "Quite posibly one of the best live bands I have seen is some time. A great stress reliver and a good time."

CAB comedy winds up semester
Showcase highlights young talent

By Jessica Hunt '01
A&E Writer
&
By Jay Gormley '00
A&E Editor

On Saturday, December 6 at 8 P.M., the Campus Activities Board will present a Comedy Showcase in the Fillius Events Barn. The show will feature three stand-up comedians, Tom Cotter, Vanessa Hollingshead, and Ben Bailey. The event is free and open to the entire Hamilton community.

Tom Cotter, who won the 1994 Seattle International Stand-up Comedy Competition, enjoys performing for college students across the country. A native of Boston, he is considered by many critics as the "Master" of all comedians, and he tries to give his audiences a run for their money.



Having a particularly unique sense of humor, Cotter enjoys interacting with, or even making fun of, his audiences. Cotter has been featured on A&E's "An Evening at the Improv" as well as in numerous commercials. The Providence Journal-Bulletin has called Cotter "an articulate wise guy...a rapid verbal bullet." Cotter's combination of impressions and wacky anecdotes will leave audiences clutching their sides and rolling in the aisles.

Hollingshead takes the place of previously scheduled comedian Donna Cooper, who had to cancel the Hamilton date due to another engagement. Hollingshead is an actress as well as a talented comedian. Her brand of humor is characterized as a satirization of her journey from a bizarre childhood to the beginning of her comedy career.

If these two wonderfully talented comedians don't have you laughing, then comedian Ben Bailey is sure to! So get over to the Barn on Saturday night for a little bit of laughter and relaxation before exams. Stay tuned for more hilarity Spring simester.

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Moxy Fruvous; Canadian Band with opinions on America

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LECTURES

Sunday: At 1:30 pm there will be a Gallery Talk given on *Philip Guston: A Man of Deep Conscience* in the Museum of Art at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute. Call for more information.

Monday: At 4 pm in Cafe Opus there will be an OPEN MIKE: A Celebration of Women in the Arts. Women and men to perform their music, poetry, and prose and display their artwork. This event, our final project for Intro. Women's Studies, will recognize and rejoice in the diverse voices of the women's movement.

Wednesday: There will be a Gallery Talk at 12:30 on *A HIstory of American Yuletide Celebrations* in the Fountain Elms at Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute. Call for more information.

FILM

This week's film is *The Amateur*, and will play Friday and Sunday at 7:30, and Sunday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *Proper, Improper and Heroic: Women in Nineteenth Century Japanese Art* will run from October 30 to December 16, 1997 in the Emerson Gallery.

Exhibition: *MOVING BODIES: Artists' Visions of the Human Figure* will be on exhibition from October 30 to December 16, 1997 in the Emerson Gallery. This exhibit is intended to be a complement of the *Proper, Improper and Heroic* exhibit.

Friday and Saturday: At 8 pm in Minor Theatre there will be a Choreographers' Showcase. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance.

Saturday: The Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble will perform at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Music.

Tuesday: The Hamilton College Orchestra will give a concert at 8 pm in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Music.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: At 8 pm Comedians Tom Cotter & Donna Cooper will perform in the Events Barn. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Monday: There will be a debate from 7 pm - 8:30 pm in Dwight Lounge between candidates for President and Vice-President of the Student Assembly.

Wednesday: There will be a Student Poetry Reading given by Intro. to Creative Writing at 2 pm in Cafe Opus. Sponsored by the Department of English.

Wednesday: *When We Were Kings* will be shown at 2 pm and 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute as part of their film series. Call for more information.

Thursday: Elections will be held in Beinecke for President and Vice-President of Student Assembly from 1 pm - 4 pm.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5-11

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Bean	*7:10, 9:45*
Mortal Kombat	*7:15, 9:50*
Starship Troopers	*6:35, 9:25*
Flubber	*7:05, 9:20*
Rainmaker	*6:30, 9:30*
Alien Resurrection	*6:45, 9:40*
The Jackal	*6:40, 9:35*
I Know What You Did Last Summer	*6:50, 9:10*
Anastasia	*7:00, 9:15*

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ON CAMPUS IN KJ

The Amateur

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Saturday 10:30 pm

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Hamilton Hoopla

Women's team starts 0-2

By Hillary Williams '01
Sports Writer

The Hamilton Women's Basketball team will attempt to capture their first win of the 1997-98 season this Friday night when they go head to head with the Lady Gold Knights of Clarkson University in Potsdam.

Behind the leadership of captains Amy Estes '98 and Jen Moran '99, the Lady Continentals are sure to be tough competitors in the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) this year. Moran is an outstanding shooting guard who has been named NESCAC Rookie of the Week seven times in her career as a Hamilton hoops player and will certainly contribute to the Continentals attack against Clarkson. A number of other equally talented guards provide the additional intensity and quickness to pace the Lady Continentals and make them shine!

Seniors Ashley Merriman, and Kim Herrig, with the help of 6'1" center Sabrina Valenta '00 and newcomer Abby McDermott '01 are sure to do some serious damage under the boards and support the lady Continental offense.

Other highlights include new co-coach Julie Diehl, returning to the Hamilton Women's Basketball program after being a standout player from 1989-1993, setting records in both scoring and rebounding.

The newest additions to the team include freshmen Abby McDermott '01, Erin Post '01, Julie Gennuso '01, and Hillary Williams '01.

The first home game of the season is Tuesday, December 9th, when the fast-paced Lady Continentals take on William Smith College in the Fieldhouse at 6 pm.

Swimming smokes Ithica to begin season

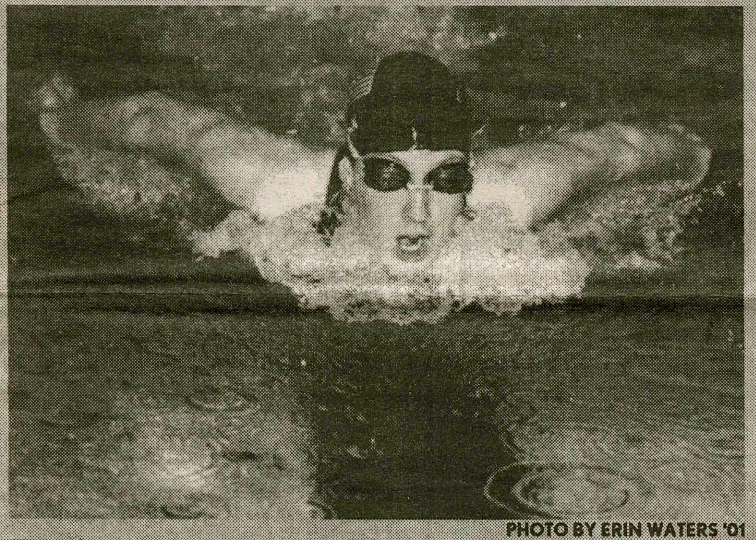

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

The Continentals will turn it up this weekend.

By Jay Gormley '00
Sports Writer

The Swim team kicked off their season on November the 22nd with dual meets against Hartwick and Ithaca. The men won both meets by squashing Ithaca 146-96 and defeating Hartwick 130-110. The women's squad lost to the visiting aquanauts but these teams were both ranked in the top 5 at states last season, the Ithaca squad being the defending State Champions.

The Men's team sped past Ithaca thanks in large part to the efforts of Tommy Liem '98, D.J. Postles '00 and Tim Donahue '99. Each of these swimmers/divers won two events and tied up the victory early in the meet.

The win over Hartwick was a more difficult fight. The tide turned when Senior Captains Josh Plati and Andrew Wintermuth finished first and second in the 200 back. Liem then stepped it up with a surprise win in the 200 breast stroke. In the final event the Hamilton relays were able to swim fast enough to clinch the victory. Divers Tim Donahue and Scot Carlton '01 also contributed to the win by finishing first and second on both the 1 meter and 3 meter boards.

While the women's loss was disappointing to the team members, it was marked by strong performances on an individual level. Megan Steed '00 won the 50 meter freestyle against Ithaca and was a triple winner against Hartwick, taking the 50 and 100 meter freestyle and being a part of the victorious 400 free relay. Joining her on that relay were captains Maura Gorman '98 and Lisa Horner '98 along with sophomore Holly Brown.

After the meet, the attention of the team soon shifted to the upcoming UCAA championship which will be held this Friday and Saturday at RPI. This meet is a championship style meet and different from previous contests the Continentals have participated in. A swim team's ranking at the end of the season is not based on its record but on how it performs at the final meet of the season, the State championships. The UCAA's are an opportunity for the squads to swim against teams they will compete with at the state meet (such as RPI and Union) and an opportunity for the freshamn swimmers to gain much needed experience. Both squads are looking forward to UCAA's as a chance to perform well and to put the other teams on notice that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Men's hockey slaps Colby

Home opener proves successful for Continentals

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play of freshmen. The first first-year to step up was Sean Smith '01. Coach Grady said of Smith, "He's an exceptional shooter. Every time he gets the puck he looks to shoot." Smith did just that. Early in the second period, Smith scored the first goal of the game, and the first of his career.

As tradition would have it, after Smith's goal a barrage of oranges were thrown onto the ice by the standing room only crowd. The now much talked about "Citrus Game" has caused a great deal of controversy over the years. Grady said of the tradition, "We love the fact that the fans get excited, but from a safety standpoint, its no good. If there is just a seed left out on the ice, a player could get seriously injured. Also, when fans throw oranges on the ice we get served with a penalty and that takes away the momentum of the goal."

Hamilton's momentum wasn't taken away by the penalty in this game however. Another first-year, Vic Cismarik added the second goal of the period. Like Smith, Grady had nothing but praise for Cismarik, "Vic is an exciting player to watch. Every time he touches the puck he can make something happen."

The Continentals also got goals from Chris Baudo '00, Darren Johnston '99, and Corey Dorzek '01, the third first-year to score in the game, as they cruised to an easy 5-0 win. Grenier, starting in only his second career game, made 22 saves for his first career shutout.

The following day, Hamilton played another tough opponent in Bowdoin. Bowdoin was able to do what Colby couldn't, and that was break the tough Hamilton forecheck. They jumped out to an early lead. The Continentals continued their tough play from the night before but found themselves down 3-1.

In the third period, Hamilton showed their comeback ability as they rallied with goals from MacArthur and Rigg to tie, and took a late lead when Webb banged a rebound past Bowdoin goalie Julien Breau for his first goal of the season.

The Polar Bears shocked Hamilton when they slid a wrap around past Grenier to tie the game at 4 with 37 seconds left. The game went into overtime with neither team scoring, ending the game in a tie.

The team had a ten day lay-off after the Bowdoin game, then traveled to Oswego this past Tuesday. The Lakers came out shooting and took the lead when Jay Hebert, younger brother of former Hamilton star and Olympian Guy Hebert '86. The Continentals continued to show the resilience they had against Bowdoin, coming back to tie the game three different times. Each time, however, Hebert scored to regain the lead for the Lakers.

Despite goals from Baudo, Brian Grady '00, Joe Zorumski '00, and Rigg, Hebert's hat trick and 2 assists were too much for Hamilton as they fell to Oswego 6-4.

Goaltender Jake Deboever, starting his first game of the season, made an impressive 35 saves in the losing effort.

The loss to Oswego dropped Hamilton's record to 1-1-1, a record that doesn't reflect the way the team has played. A few breaks here and there, and the Conts record could easily be 3-0. Continental fans should rest assured that this team is gunning to get back their #1 ranking from last year.

The Continentals are back in action tonight against Amherst and tomorrow against the Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

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Celebration ensues after Sean Smith '01 scores the first goal. An onslaught of citrus will follow.

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	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Indoor Track & Field	Swimming
Fri. Dec 5	Clarkson 4 pm	Clarkson 6 pm	Amherst 7 pm					UCAA meet @ Rensselaer TBA
Sat. Dec 6	St. Lawrence 4 pm	St. Lawrence 2 pm	Mass. College 4:30 pm	Rensselaer 1 pm	Rochester /Bard 1 pm	Wesleyan Tourney TBA	Cornell Relays 11 am	
Sun. Dec 7				RIT 1 pm				
Mon. Dec 8								
Tues. Dec 9	Hobart 8 pm	William Smith 6 pm						
Wed. Dec 10								
Thur. Dec 11				St. Lawrence 7 pm				
Fri. Dec 12			Fredonia 7 pm					Rochester 7 pm

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Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Damon and Elliott, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer *Sports Editor*	Elliott Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	Santax *Associate Sports Editor*	Katherine Hauschild Freshman *Guest #20*	Zoe Kostoss Sophomore *Guest #21*
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NHL					
Tampa Bay at New Jersey 12/6	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	Tampa Bay	New Jersey
NY Rangers at Montreal 12/6	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers
Vancouver at Colorado 12/6	Colorado	Vancouver	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
Anaheim at Pittsburgh 12/6	Penguins	Penguins	Anaheim	Anaheim	Anaheim
NFL					
Denver at Pittsburgh 12/7	Denver	Denver	Denver	Pittsburgh	Denver
Green Bay at Tampa Bay 12/7	Green Bay	Green Bay	Tampa Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Detroit at Miami 12/7	Miami	Detroit	Miami	Miami	Miami
NY Giants at Philadelphia 12/7	Giants	Giants	Giants	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
College Football					
Army v. Navy 12/6	Navy	Army	Army	Navy	Navy
Nebraska v. Texas A&M 12/6	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska
Tennessee v. Auburn 12/6	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Auburn	Auburn
Colorado St. v. New Mexico 12/6	New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	Colorado St.	Colorado St.

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Catching up on 2 weeks

Jason Santarcangelo

From The Front Office

I am not even sure where to begin this week. It has been two weeks since my last column and so much has happened in the world of sports. The United States Soccer team was seeded for the World Cup finals in France. **Michael Jordan** said this will be his final season. The United States sent four of our best tennis players to Sweden to win the Davis Cup and well; the Cup stayed in Sweden.

The National Football League picture got even fuzzier after week fourteen. The United States filled out it's Olympic Hockey roster. Golden State Warrior's all-star guard **Latrell Sprewell**, attacked coach **P.J. Carlesimo**.

The Americans open against Germany on June 15 in Paris then square off against Iran on June 21 in Lyon and Yugoslavia on June 25 in Nantes. "I guess it could have been worse," said US Captain **John Harkes**, who will be playing in his third World Cup. "It's a tough opener. Germany is very disciplined. Yugoslavia is an unbelievably strong team, which it has shown through qualifying. The strange one is Iran." The United States will have to show its mettle to advance in France.

The Chicago Bulls are in *trouble*. Jordan who retired from basketball in 1994 while gambling allegations swirled about has said this will be his final season. Long-time friend **Scottie Pippen** has demanded a trade demand. Coach **Phil Jackson** recently commented this will be his final season. Now, Jordan has unofficially announced his quest for a sixth NBA Championship in eight years will be his swan song. When you put the entire puzzle together it makes sense. Jordan has nothing left to prove in the NBA. In September he announced a new business venture, *Jordan* (a clothing and sneaker line). Do not be surprised if Jordan trades in his sneakers for a pair of wingtips.

The Americans went to Sweden expecting to win the Davis Cup. **Pete Sampras** and **Michael Chang** are the number one and three ranked tennis players in the world respectively. Sweden's top gun, **Jonas Bjorkman** is ranked fourth. Advantage USA. The result: a disappointing 3-0 defeat. It was like the Americans ran out of gas. Chang lost a tough four set battle to Bjorkman and Sampras tore his left calf muscle and was forced to withdraw tied at one set apiece. A dejected American squad must wait until next year for another short at the Davis Cup.

The NY Giants lost to the Tampa Bay, Kansas City dismantled San Francisco, Denver defeated San Diego and a **Lawrence Phillips** less St. Louis Ram team defeated a hapless Washington Redskin team, keeping them out of first place in the NFC East. Phillips, the sixth pick in the 1996 draft, was arrested three times in 19 months and spent 23 days in jail before being cut by St. Louis for disciplinary reasons Nov. 20. Phillips has signed a contract with the Miami Dolphins, whose ground game is ranked next-to-last. He will be paid $29,000 for the rest of this season.

The Giants who find themselves in first place in the NFC East have only mustered fifteen points in the last two weeks. At the beginning of the season would anyone have guessed the Giants would be one game ahead of the both the Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins with three weeks remaining in the season. The Giants control their own destiny, as they play games against the Eagles, Redskins (at home) and Cowboys. While the Giants track down a playoff spot, the Denver Broncos finally captured a spot. Kansas City has kept things close after beating the 49ers in a battle of the titans. With the NY Jets in a dead heat in the AFC East, the final weeks of the season will certainly be interesting.

The United States finally announced its final roster for the Olympic Games in Nangano. General manager **Lou Lamoriello** named embattled NJ Devils forward **Bill Guerin**, whose initial absence from the U.S. Olympic hockey team prompted boycott threats by some of the players. He also added veteran **Pat LaFontaine**, forward **Shawn McEachern** of the Ottawa Senators, defensemen **Keith Carney** of the Chicago Blackhawks and **Bryan Berard** of the New York Islanders. Hamilton Alum goalie **Guy Hebert '89** of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks was named the team's third goaltender.

Golden State's All-Star guard Latrell Sprewell, attacked his coach, P.J. Carlesimo. Sprewell was suspended from the NBA for one year. Commissioner **David Stern** commented, "Latrell Sprewell assaulted Coach P.J. Carlesimo twice at Monday's practice. First, he choked him until forcibly pulled away. Then, after leaving, Mr. Sprewell returned and fought his way through others to commit a second, and this time clearly premeditated, assault."

The Warriors added salt to the wound, firing the guard with three years remaining on his four year $32 million dollar contract. Sprewell, intends to appeal the decision. He will not be able to return to the NBA until December 3, 1998 should any team want him. The most probable option is to take his game overseas.

The jury may still be out because each story has two sides and Sprewell, who had been feuding with coach all year, claims Carlesimo was continually verbally assaulting him and the other players. Sprewell was rightfully suspended. He should have been ejected from the game of basketball. I understand players can be and are passionate. If Sprewell was not in the NBA and he attacked, physically assaulted another member of society, he would be on his way to visit the police.

Behavior like Sprewell's can not be tolerated because he is a role model for millions. The NBA took a good first step by suspending him. Justice would be no NBA team taking him off waivers.

Mark Messier: now a Canuck, forever a Ranger

No. 11's emotional return to Madison Square Garden

DAMON LOPEZ-O'DWYER

EDITOR'S NOTES

A familiar thing happened at Madison Square Garden last Tuesday night—Mark Messier scored a clutch goal and the crowd of 18,200 Ranger faithful stood and cheered. It's true that this time there were some boos mixed in with the ovation, but they were not for Messier, they were for the now hapless and discombobulated team that he left behind on a Monday in July, just four months ago. They were for an organization that realized too late the importance of keeping Messier in New York; they were for the void that was left by the absence of what could have been.

He came to New York on October 4, 1991 in a trade with the Edmonton Oilers. His assignment was clear: win the Stanley Cup. On May 25, 1997, he packed up his bag for what would be the last time as a Ranger. In between, he did what he promised and he brought more to his team and his fans than perhaps any athlete in history.

It's difficult to describe what happened to New York City that night of June 14, 1994, just as it is hard to imagine Messier in anything other than a Rangers jersey. In six seasons Mark Messier transformed both his team and himself in a way that may never be matched. When he came to the Rangers, he said he knew it was time to come to the big city; he only hoped he would be mature enough to handle it. He left New York as one of the legendary few sports figures in history to single-handedly will their teams to a championship. He carried the weight of fifty-four years of cult-like Ranger fanaticism on his back and became Broadway's Messiah. Mark Messier spent six years in the capitol of the world redefining the word "captain." He has been called the greatest leader in New York sports history. Now he is called a Vancouver Canuck.

The story of how Mark Messier became a former Ranger is also a story of how history, as it should have been, went sadly awry. It started long before he played his final game on Broadway. Mark Messier wanted nothing more than to finish his career as a Ranger—there really can be no disputing that. As an obviously still stunned Brian Leetch said, "he never thought he wouldn't finish his career here." But when it became increasingly clear to Messier that the Rangers were not as emphatically set on this idea as he was, he was left with no choice but to move on, for he is proud and wears his heart on his sleeve.

The Rangers had until the end of June to extend Messier's contract for one more year. It was an option clause that fit perfectly with the final year of Wayne Gretzky's two-year contract, signed in 1996. It was almost too perfect—Messier and Gretzky retiring together from the highest profile team in all of hockey. They had started together and they would end together, each doing his remarkable part along the way to redefine not only their own sport, but "sports." The word "storybook" is reserved for such a scenario.

And storybook it was. The abbreviated Gretzky-Messier reunion tour reached magazine covers around the country. To add sustenance to the fire, the two legends turned on their aging, but still clearly superior, after-burners in the post-season and sparked a stirring play-off run. Perhaps a healthier Ranger squad could even have brought an unprecedented crown to the two kings' final parade together, but it wasn't to be. It was a "nearly"—in retrospect, the ultimate foreshadowing of the "what-might-have-been" that now hovers in the air at Madison Square Garden.

Timing is everything in sports, and where the Rangers failed miserably the Canucks triumphed. By not even attempting to negotiate with a Messier who told them that he would have taken less money in a one year extension than he had previously been making, the Rangers sent a message to Messier that affected him profoundly in his decision to go to Vancouver. He explained that as much as he wanted to remain a Ranger, he felt it had to be a two-way street. He said of the Rangers' failure to actively pursue new contract talks, "I just knew there was something wrong. I didn't know what. And I couldn't put my finger on it. There was something that just wasn't right."

By contrast to Neil Smith, the Canucks' General Manager, Pat Quinn, sought Messier out in a way that only made the Rangers' seeming disinterest appear even stronger. On July 20, nineteen days after the Rangers forfeited their exclusive right to Messier, Quinn arrived at Messier's summer home in Hilton Head, South Carolina. So began the eight-day story of how Mark Messier became a former Ranger, leaving a team and a city that he didn't want to leave.

In explaining what he called the toughest decision he ever had to make, Messier continually stressed that his overriding reasons were that the Canucks believed in him and made him feel wanted in a way that Rangers simply didn't anymore. The Canucks spent several days wooing Messier while the Rangers did nothing. It was clear to those around him that Messier knew in his mind that he would be crazy not to sign with Vancouver, but in his heart he wanted somehow to remain with the Rangers.

Even after striking up a $20 million over three year "understanding" with the Canucks, Messier had his reservations. The latest number leaked from the Ranger camp was $10 million over two years. Messier knew that he was running out of time, so he phoned Neil Smith to give the Rangers one last chance. He wanted to know if the offer that had been rumored was true.Smith's reply was one year, $4.6 million.

The last words that Mark Messier spoke to the Rangers came at the end of that call: "thank you very much."

There are two sides to every argument, sometimes more. The Rangers' decision that Messier was not worth $20 million over three years is reasonable, even understandable, but there is an important factor that seems to have been forgotten here—the fans. The Rangers are one of the richest team in hockey. Season ticket prices at Madison Square Garden are astronomical and there is a waiting list to get them. At the prices the Ranger faithful pay, they deserve their one special player, even if Garden management feels he isn't worth it anymore. After all, we are dealing with a group of fans who have traditionally packed the house, whether the Rangers were contenders or cellar-dwellers. Messier said recently, "the fans are a huge part of this organization. They always have been and always will be." So yes it's true that the Rangers didn't necessarily owe Messier anything, but surely they owed the fans Messier.

"We Mess You." "Thank You Mess." "This is the House that Mark Built." The signs proclaimed it Tuesday night, and the one-minute standing ovation confirmed it. Mark Messier is not a hockey player who once wore a Rangers jersey. He *is* a Ranger. He is a proud leader who embodies the soul of a proud team, and as the song that accompanied the stirring video tribute to welcome him back Tuesday night rightfully stated, he is a Ranger "now and forever."

The banner still hangs from the rafters and there are people in New York who still talk about that unforgettable night when Mark slew the Dragon. The history is too great to ever stop paying it homage. "I'm not going to leave this behind," Messier said. "I don't think closure has to come. I think there will always be a part of me here in New York and certainly with the Ranger organization."

Tuesday night was evidence of that. Messier cried and so did many fans. It was emotionally draining, but it was also a kind of cleansing. It was a warm-up for a time, not all that far down the road, known for now as "someday." It was the appetizer before the welcome-home banquet, because there will come a day when Mark Messier will be back to stay. He needs the Rangers and the Rangers need him, so that the history may be preserved and protected, so no one will forget.

For now, we wait. Someday Mark Messier will come home to be a Ranger again—it's inevitable. Someday his number will join Eddie Giacomin's No. 1 and Rod Gilbert's No. 7. Mark Messier may end his playing days in another city, in another jersey, but when he retires, he will come home to New York, and his number will be raised to the top of Madison Square Garden where it belongs, where it will radiate—a permanent reminder of what he did and what he taught us about leadership, forever a symbol of that manic spring in 1994. Someday Mark Messier will come home and we'll be here waiting. We'll even leave the light on for him.

Thanksgiving blues: Continentals come up empty in California shootouts

BY PETER RINGEL '01
SPORTS WRITER

While most of Hamilton's students went home for Thanksgiving, the men's basketball team headed to California to play in the Fourth Annual West Coast Classic. Unfortunately, they lost to Pomona-Pitzer 89-77 on Friday and also lost to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 96-81 the following day. The trip to Claremont ended with the Continentals holding a disappointing 0-2 record and having a long flight home.

"We learned a lot in our first two games," said guard Michael Schantz '98. "We need to work on defense and rebounding. The losses hurt our confidence a bit, because we had felt good about practicing. I think it was a little bit of a setback."

In the loss to Pomona-Pitzer, the Continentals led by as many as 10 points in the first half, before relinquishing the lead midway through the second half. Their last lead was at 63-60, when they allowed Pomona to go on a 20-3 run, and Pomona never looked back.

"We didn't play that well defensively," added guard Jim McCarthy '01. "These teams were pretty good, but they also allowed us to identify the areas we need to improve on for league games."

Despite losing to Pomona in their season-opener, forward Michael Schantz '99 scored a team-high 22 points, while also grabbing 12 rebounds. Center Jon Schmiegel '99 added to the front line's success by scoring 10 points and also pulling down 12 rebounds.

Center Pete Bishop '99 came off the bench to bolster the front line with a career-high nine points and four offensive rebounds. Guard Max Stroman '99 added 16 points in the loss. Starting point guard Jimmy Driggs '01 scored 9 points and dished out three assists in his first career start.

Saturday was not any better for the Continentals as they fell to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on the second day of the tournament. The Continentals shot only 43% from the field (26-60). In contrast, Claremont shot an impressive 55.2% from the field.

"We didn't shoot well from the field," remarked Thorpe. "A lot of our guys don't have a lot of experience. With each game, they get better and gain more experience. But I think we'll be alright in the future."

One of the three freshmen on the team admitted that there is definitely some getting used to in adjusting to the college level. "It's been a little tough to adjust to the physical nature of the college game," stated McCarthy. "There is a lot of contact, and you have to fight through screens and also to be going 100% all the time." Driggs agreed with his teammate that college basketball is definitely much more physcial than high school.

Thorpe played well in defeat, scoring 18 points, while Schantz and Stroman combined for 48 points and shot 16-26 (62%) from the field. Schantz added a team-high in rebounds by grabbing nine in the loss.

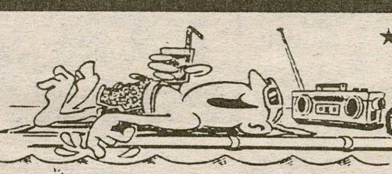
"We didn't do the little things," remarked Driggs. "We need to start clicking offensively. Once that happens, we'll be fine. This weekend's games are important, and we just need to take them one game at a time. We need to play to win every game."

The Continentals will play three more games before Christmas. They head to Clarkson on Friday, and then play at St. Lawrence on Saturday, before hosting Hobart on Tuesday in the season opener. They should all be tough games, but with the experience gained on the California trip the Continentals should be poised for an auspicious start.

"Last weekend is in the past," said Brendan Ferretti '01, who played well in limited action during the trip. "We learned from our mistakes, and we now know what it is that we need to do to become the dominant team that we can be."

Thorpe added, "These next games are must wins. We need to win at least two out of three, and get on a roll. We are striving to make the NCCA tournament and need to start out strong."

"Take 2" - Spring Break '98



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Hockey beats up on Colby in home opener

Brian Coakley '99 takes a shot while Trevor McArthur '99 looks on. PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

BY DAVE BOLGER '99
SPORTS WRITER

As Central New York has braced itself for yet another snowy winter, Continental hockey fans have braced themselves for yet another exciting season. Coming off one of the best seasons in history, the Continentals enter their 77th season with question marks hanging over their heads. One question is how well can Hamilton play without departed starters Joe Baudo '97, Jeff Bradley '97, and Gary Heenan '97? Looking to replace last years leaders will be this years seniors, Captains John Whitwell '98 and Brian Guastella '98, as well as David Webb '98 and Ben Hawn '98. The Continentals will also look to Junior Forward Rob Rigg '99, to pick up some of the scoring burden now that Bradley and Baudo, both 100 point scorers, are gone. Rigg was second on the team in scoring last year with 14 goals and 19 assists and will have to continue to be a scoring force if Hamilton wants to compete.

Another early concern for the Continentals is the goalie situation. The team entered the season without last years rookie sensation Brent Davey '00 . Davey, who started all but 3 games last year, sustained an off-season injury and will not be ready for action until January. That leaves Scott Grenier '00 and Jake DeBoever '99 to share the goaltending duties. Hamilton hopes either Grenier or Deboever, who have only 8 career starts combined, will step up and replace Davey.

With all these questions marks, Hamilton entered the season against a Colby team that beat them 10-1 in the ECAC East semifinals last year. The Continentals answered many of the preseason questions as the young players rose to the occasion. After a scoreless first period, the second period of play was dominated by the

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Women's hockey off to quick 3-0 start

Conts fly past Amherst and Colgate

BY ELIZABETH CRISPINO '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Girls' Varsity hockey team opened their season on November 22 and 23 with two victories over Amherst and Williams. In the first game against Amherst, the Continentals had a decisive victory over a less talented team. Amy Williams '99 led the scoring with six goals. Stacy Tysinski '99, Deb Elvin '00, and Jody '01 all scored as well. Lauren Spoon had five assists.

In their game at Williams, however, Hamilton faced a tougher team. The score was 1-1 after the first period, an evenly played contest in all aspects of the game. However, in the second period, Williams scored four goals and led 5-2 after two periods. The Continentals were not fazed and showed great resiliency by scoring four goals in the third period to win the game.

As a result of their play over the weekend, Williams was named ECAC Player of the Week, and Spoon was named ECAC Rookie of the Week. In addition, Hamilton's first line of offense, Williams, Spoon, and Tysinski, all are ranked in the top ten point scorers in Division III Womens' Hockey.

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The young team is led by Co-Captains Lydia Heenan '99, and Alexa Slaunwhite '00. These two will anchor the blue line, while standouts Williams and Tysinski will lead the offense. Gavin, the assistant coach, says of the team, "It's going to be an exciting year for us. We are graduating no seniors and we have a strong core of freshman that add depth to the team. Our toughest games should be against rivals Middlebury, Bowdoin, and RIT."

On December 3 Hamilton continued their play and defeated Colgate 6-2. It was a close game through two periods of play, with the score tied at 2 after the second period. The Continentals errupted in the third again, however. Williams scored a hat trick, with Tysinski, Spoon and Kristin Engster '01 all scoring one goal each. This weekend, Hamilton plays at home against RPI and RIT.

Winter season looks promising for track

Track and field gears up for first competition Monday

BY MATTHEW NOLAN '98
SPORTS WRITER

The fieldhouse is once again alive with activity as the Hamilton College Track and Field teams gear up for their 1997-98 opening next Monday at 4 pm. With several weeks of training under their belts, Monday's meet will serve as a test for many, allowing team and individual goals to be set for the season.

Head coach Brett Hull, now in his seventh season on the Hill, has more help this year with several new coaches, including a couple of alumni. Included among these new faces is a middle and long distance coach, Coach Bellona. A top collegiate middle distance runner himself, Coach Bellona is the Director of the Physical Plant at Hamilton. Also helping out with the team this year are former Hamilton College track standouts David Brunk and Dane Wolfrom.

Brunk '96, an Assistant Dean of Admissions, should be instrumental in helping the hurdlers and jumpers, events he competed in as an athlete. Wolfrom '97, who assisted with the men's cross country team this fall, looks to be helping out with the pole vault among other events.

The men's team brings together a range of athletes, some of whom are making transitions from fall sports. Junior captain Andy Cook recently noted that after a "postive season last year," he "can't see any reason that shouldn't carry over to this year."

Cook, along with seniors Rob Whelan and Kurt O'Dell lead a group of sprinters including Darren Block '01, Dan Cooney '00, Roy Sabo '00, Tony Coudert '01, and Andy Inlgis '01. O'Dell, who missed last year with a strained stomach, has a fire in his belly and looks to capitalize on his increased strength this season. Rejoining the sprint group for his sophmore season is Waltnel Sosa who, along with hurdlers Josh Cooper '00, and Eric Johnson '01 should score well against the competition.

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The middle distance and distance squad brings together many familiar faces from the fall cross country season, as well as newer faces, with many members prepping for the upcoming meet.

Coming off of successful freshman seasons this fall, Steve Guditus and Shane Tibbitts are aiming to score important points in long distance events. The likely return of Jeremy Solkolnicki '98 to the indoor track also promises to give the long distances more strength.

A glut of solid performers in the middle distance races should have other teams nervous, junior standouts Phil Jennings and Joe Button, as well as sophmore Jeff Garte, and first-year Karl Bressler, are looking to do well in the state this year. The other distances will see senior Erin Ersenkal, a finalist in the 1000 meters at the state meet last year, and firstyears "Downtown" Sam Brown, Scott Taylor and Seth Obryan, as well as others.

Launching weights and shot puts across the fieldhouse will be Captain Fish '98, Ed Johnson '99, and Jeff Needham '00. Combining with this group to score points in the field events will be Ben Eckstein '01, in the pole vault, and the sprinter Sosa, in the jumps.

The Continentals have depth in both their rookie and veteran players, and this should prove to be their greatest asset. Characterized by their balance, this year's team looks to defeat many of their perrenial rivals and cause a stir in larger meets and championships, such as the UCAA meet, after Christmas break.

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